

Management and Storage of Schedule 4 and Schedule 8 Medications

Some clients of ICAH are prescribed and regularly administered schedule 8 and/or schedule 4 medications.

Such medications are classified as 'poisons' and have regulatory storage and administration requirements.

There is a paucity of literature regarding the safe storage of such medications in the home environment, except that they should be stored in a safe place and kept well out of reach of children.

The storage area should be cool and dry with a closed door.
The medications should be at a height out of reach of children.

ICAH acknowledges the inherent risk in the use of S4 and S8 medications. These risks include misuse, loss and over referrals from palliative care services

The medications are only administered after consultation and collaboration with the client or client's parent's/guardians, or if a prescription drug chart is being used, as ordered on the drug chart.

References:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017 S.R. No. 29/2017

Federal Register of Legislation

Poisons Standard February 2018

<http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/drugs-and.../scheduled-medicines>

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