Morphine for Emergency Outreach Drug Box PPHC Information

Under the _Northern Territory Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012_ the management of all Schedule 8 Medicines must be documented in a Register maintained in each health centre. PPHC provides guidelines related to these medicines, including documentation requirements in the _Schedule 8 and Restricted Schedule 4 Medicines PPHC NT Health Guideline_. This document provides information specifically related to processes for storage and documentation in relation to the transfer and use of Morphine for the Emergency Outreach Drug Box.

The _Emergency Outreach Drug Box_ contents list provides the stock levels of Morphine to be placed in the Emergency Outreach Drug Box when the Box is to be used. A clinician may take possession of Morphine ampoules (x 2) from the Drug Safe to place in the Emergency Outreach Drug Box to attend an emergency without making an entry in the Drug Register. Following return to the health centre:

- if Morphine is used for a client, a full record of use must be documented in the S8 & RS4 Drug Register as soon as practicable
- any unused volume from an open ampoule must be recorded as destroyed and discarded in accordance with the _Return or Disposal of Unwanted or Expired S8 / RS4 Medicines_
- if the Morphine is unused, the ampoules must be returned to the Drug Safe
- in the event there is a discrepancy in the number of Morphine ampoules to be placed back to the Dangerous Drugs Safe (due to broken or missing ampoules), follow the process described in Schedule 8 and Restricted Schedule 4 Medicines PPHC Remote NT Health Guideline, including completion of an incident report.

Also see Schedule 8 and Restricted Schedule 4 Drug Register Example PPHC.

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