



Ketamine Changes – 30 November 2015

From 30 November 2015 ketamine (all presentations) will be re-classified as a Schedule 2 Controlled Drug (CD). It will therefore be subject to the usual Schedule 2 CD requirements including requisitioning, supply, record keeping, storage, prescribing, administering and destruction.

Ketamine will be subject to the following conditions from 30 November 2015:

- **Prescribing** requirements – the patient's name and address, drug name, form, strength, dose and the total quantity in words and figures must be specified.
- Prescriptions must be signed by the prescriber (including electronic discharge prescriptions).
- Prescriptions are valid for 28 days from date signed or a date otherwise indicated on the prescription.
- **Emergency** supply or serial dispensing is not permitted.
- **Requisitions** are necessary for ordering. Within hospitals the CD Order book will be used.
- Ketamine will require to be **stored** in a CD cabinet.
- **Record keeping** in CD register will be necessary.
- **Stock destruction** will need to be witnessed.

EMIS® and INPS Vision® (the GP prescribing system suppliers) and EDD (hospital system) will update their systems before the change.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in relation to ketamine is available from the Controlled Drugs Accountable Officers' Network (Scotland).

[CLICK HERE](#) for link to FAQs page.

Controlled Drugs Requisition Forms - Community

Also from Monday 30th November, new legislation governing the paperwork to be used for stock orders for schedule 2 or 3 CDs in the community is coming into force. We have been advised that there is **no change to the existing arrangements for Scotland** at this time.

The Home Office has published details of a standard form which is for England only. Updates will be provided when any changes are introduced for Scotland.

Any questions should be directed to the CD Team at cdteam.tayside@nhs.net or 01382 835153.

**Do you wish to write a Tayside Prescriber?
Do you already have a suitable topic for a Tayside Prescriber?**

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