



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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