

* ***GPs are front-line Schedule 8 prescribers***
* ***Schedule 8 drugs of dependence have valued therapeutic uses***
* ***Legislative requirements recognize the higher risk of misuse, abuse, and potential for dependence***
* ***Schedule 8 Permit and Notification system is in place to manage risks, but knowledge gaps and confusion for GPs has been identified by the Drugs and Poisons Unit and Medical Indemnity organisations.***

***This program discusses key requirements and recent changes in the permit system to support the accountable prescribing of Schedule 8 drugs.***

**FOCUS**

**Presented by:**

**Date/Time:** Ongoing QUM visiting program scheduled at your convenience

**Venue:** Your practice

*Individual and small group meetings available: before, during and after office hours*

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**Learning Outcomes:**

* Know circumstances where S8 permits are required
* Navigate the application portal on the DPU website
* Appropriate responses to requests for S8 drugs



* Management in the absence of patient’s usual permit holder

*This activity has been approved by RACGP QI & CPD Program in the 2014-16 triennium –****2 CPD points*** *Activity: 37720. EMPHN is an authorised provider of accredited activities under the RACGP QI & CPD Program.****.***

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References

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