



# Schedule 8 Management: Permits without Pain

For GPs and Practice Nurses

QUM Educational Visiting Program 2017

- 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.

## Presented by:

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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



## Event Details

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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## Registration

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Preferred day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Visit Type (please circle): Individual meeting / Small Group meeting with colleagues

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## References:

Prescribing drugs of dependence in general practice, Part A – Clinical governance framework. Melbourne: RACGP, 2015.

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