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NEW RELEASES

- **Guidelines - *Safe storage of medicines in pharmacies***
- **Guidelines – *Unapproved Pharmacy Notice***
- **Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary and Handbook – *APF24***
- **Therapeutic Guidelines – *Cardiovascular v7***
- **Managing Stress in Pharmacy**

GUIDELINES - SAFE STORAGE OF MEDICINES IN PHARMACIES

Early last month the Board released Guidelines on the *Safe storage of medicines in pharmacies* in the interest of public safety and to assist -

- proprietors of pharmacy businesses,
- pharmacists with overall responsibility for the pharmacy business carried on at the pharmacy (**Responsible Pharmacists**), and
- pharmacists with a proprietary interest in pharmacy businesses,

- collectively the Principals, to understand their responsibilities under the *Pharmacy Act 2010 (WA)* and the *Pharmacy Regulations 2010 (WA)* in relation to the safe storage of medicines in pharmacy premises (**pharmacies**).

The Board recommends Principals read its Guidelines on the [Safe storage of medicines in pharmacies](#) and ensure they are meeting their responsibilities in relation to the storage of medicines.

GUIDELINES - UNAPPROVED PHARMACY NOTICE

The Board announces the release of a new [Unapproved Pharmacy Notice](#) and recommends Principals associated with pharmacy businesses that are not approved to claim Australian Government subsidies for PBS and RPBS prescription medicines download and display this notice in accordance with the requirements detailed in its [Guidelines](#).

THE MINIMUM STANDARDS - ACCESS TO REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Board notes:

- a new edition of the Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary and Handbook was published in February,
- a comprehensive update of the Cardiovascular Therapeutic Guidelines was published in March; and
- hosting for the Western Australian Legislation website changed from the State Law Publisher to the Parliamentary Counsel's Office in March.

Therefore, the Board recommends Principals -

- use the following checklist to ensure compliance with the access to reference documents requirements of Schedule 1 of the *Pharmacy Regulations 2010 (WA)*, which prescribes the minimum standards of fitness for the competent and safe practice of pharmacy (the **Minimum Standards**) as at 17 April 2018,
 - ensure the premises links to *Pharmacy Act 2010 (WA)*, *Pharmacy Regulations 2010 (WA)*, the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014 (WA)* and the *Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2010 (WA)* are updated,
 - assess compliance with all other requirements of the Minimum Standards*,
 - ensure procedures, policies and protocols promoting the maintenance of compliance have been developed and implemented, and
 - follow and review such procedures, policies and protocols to ensure compliance is maintained,
- at all pharmacy businesses to ensure they are meeting their responsibilities.

* In accordance with Regulation 13(2), if the pharmacy did not have an area for private consultation prior to 18 October 2010 and significant alterations have not been made since, then the pharmacy is currently exempt from the requirement to have an area for private consultation.

The editions of the reference documents shown below are the latest editions on 17 April 2018, the date of this Communiqué.

Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)

The latest editions of the AMH are the publications of 15 January 2018:

- AMH 2018
- eAMH (January 2018)

Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary and Handbook (APF)

The latest editions of the APF are the publications of 1 February 2018:

- APF24
- eAPF24

MIMS Annual or eMIMS or AusDI

The latest edition of the MIMS Annual is the June 2017 edition published in July 2017:

- MIMS Annual 2017

The latest edition of the eMIMS is:

- always the current month

The latest edition of AusDI is:

- always the current month

Therapeutic Guidelines (complete series)

The latest editions of the Therapeutic Guidelines books are:

- Analgesic v6, 2012
- Antibiotic v15, 2014 (November)
- Cardiovascular v7, 2018 (March)
- Dermatology v4, 2015 (November)
- Endocrinology v5, 2014 (March)
- Gastrointestinal v6, 2016 (April)
- Neurology v5, 2017 (November)
- Oral and Dental v2, 2012
- Palliative Care v4, 2016 (September)
- Psychotropic v7, 2013 (July)
- Respiratory v5, 2015 (March)
- Rheumatology v3, 2017 (March)
- Toxicology and Wilderness v2, 2012
- Ulcer and Wound Management v1, 2012

The latest edition of the electronic Therapeutic Guidelines is:

- eTG (March 2018)

Pharmacy Act 2010 (WA)

The latest edition is always accessed if the premises has a link to [Pharmacy Act 2010 \(WA\)](#) on the [Western Australian Legislation website](#)

Pharmacy Regulations 2010 (WA)

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Medicines and Poisons Act 2014 (WA)

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MANAGING STRESS IN PHARMACY

In March, the [Pharmacists' Support Service](#) launched [Managing Stress in Pharmacy](#), a new publication to help pharmacists create a healthier working environment by managing workplace stress.

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