

# HIGH-RISK MEDICINES MANAGEMENT

## HYDROMORPHONE POLICY STANDARD CHECKLIST

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Health Services may wish to use this tool to monitor compliance with the High-Risk Medicine Management Standard.

Facility name:

Assessed by:

Date:

REQUIREMENTS		STATUS		
<i>Local governance requirements</i>				
1	The Drug and Therapeutics Committee has included HYDROmorphone on the High-Risk Medicine Register.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
2	The Drug and Therapeutics Committee has risk assessed the use of HYDROmorphone in all clinical units.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
3	The Drug and Therapeutics Committee has endorsed a local protocol to guide the safe use of HYDROmorphone.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
4	Local protocols include a statement that HYDROmorphone is more potent than morphine.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
5	Local protocols include a warning statement that initiation of HYDROmorphone in opioid naïve patients is hazardous and rarely warranted and that specialist advice is required.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
6	Local protocols specify appropriate starting doses of HYDROmorphone for patients with risk factors such as asthma, obstructive sleep apnoea or those receiving other medications that can potentiate the effects of HYDROmorphone.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		

7	Local protocols clearly specify responsibilities for the prescribing and administration of HYDROmorphine.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
8	Locally determined specific training, qualifications, skills or competencies required to prescribe or administer HYDROmorphine are completed by relevant clinical staff.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
9	Relevant clinical staff are aware of and follow the local protocol to prescribe, dispense and administer HYDROmorphine.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
<i>Prescribing</i>				
10	When ordering HYDROmorphine, prescribers in addition to the generic name include the trade name of the HYDROmorphine preparation.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
<i>Monitoring / escalation of care</i>				
11	Local protocols specify monitoring (e.g. respiratory rate, sedation score) parameters and the required frequency.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
12	There is clear criteria and process for immediate escalation of care if respiratory depression is evident.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
<i>Administration</i>				
13	When administering HYDROmorphine a second person check is undertaken using independent double check principles. That is, the second clinician separately checks (alone and apart from the other, then compares results) each component of prescribing, dispensing, and verifying the medicine, including patient identification, verification of dose and associated preparation calculations and volume before it is administered to the patient.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		

Storage and supply				
14	Dilaudid® HP 50 mg in 1 mL injection is not included on hospital formulary or held as inventory stock.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
15	HYDROmorphine is stored separately from morphine (for example, in a separate safe or on a different shelf in a distinctive coloured bag or container).	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
16	HYDROmorphine is not stored in clinical areas where use is infrequent.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
17	High-concentration formulations of injectable HYDROmorphine (10 mg per mL) are not routinely stored in clinical areas outside of palliative care units.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
18	A process exists to conduct a weekly check to identify and remove inappropriately stocked HYDROmorphine products.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
19	Patient care areas are audited regularly should be checked (at least weekly) to identify and remove inappropriately stocked HYDROmorphine products.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		
20	Naloxone injection is available for reversal in clinical units where HYDROmorphine is used.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:		

<i>Pharmaceutical review</i>			
21	A pharmaceutical review is completed for patients receiving HYDROmorphine prior to administration of the first inpatient dose.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:	
<i>Staff education</i>			
22	Relevant clinical staff receive education on HYDROmorphine safety.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:	
<i>Patient information / education</i>			
23	Patients and / or their carer are provided with relevant education and written information regarding HYDROmorphine with particular attention to adverse-effects and how they should be managed.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:	
24	Patients and / or their carer are advised to alert the patient's nurse if they have concerns regarding a change in the patient's condition including a unexpected decrease in their level of consciousness or other adverse-effects associated with HYDROmorphine.	Fully <input type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Not <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reason partially / not implemented:	