

## Rescheduling of Pregabalin and Gabapentin as Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs

### FOR INFORMATION

Gabapentin and pregabalin will be reclassified to Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs (CDs) (CD No Reg POMs). The table below summarises the changes that will apply from 1 April 2019.

	GABAPENTIN	PREGABALIN
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	Schedule 3 (CD No Reg POM)	Schedule 3 (CD No Reg POM)
<b>RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENT IN CD REGISTER</b>	No	No
<b>SAFE CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS</b>	No	No
<b>PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>PRESCRIPTION VAILIDITY</b>	28 days after appropriate date	28 days after appropriate date
<b>ADDRESS OF PRESCRIBER REQUIRED TO BE WITHIN THE UK</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>EEA &amp; SWISS PRESCRIBERS CAN LEGALLY PRESCRIBE</b>	No	No
<b>MAXIMUM QUANTITY</b>	Strong recommendation it shouldn't exceed 30 days	Strong recommendation it shouldn't exceed 30 days
<b>PRESCRIPTION IS REPEATABLE (e.g. 'repeat x 3')</b>	No	No
<b>EMERGENCY SUPPLY</b>	No	No
<b>STANDARDISED FORM FOR PRIVATE PRESCRIPTIONS</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>REQUISITION NECESSARY</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>DENATURE BEFORE DISPOSAL</b>	Yes	Yes

**N.B.** A specific dose must be specified on the prescription. "As directed" and "when required" are not legally acceptable however "one as directed" or "two when required" would be legally acceptable doses.

Reference:

1. [Rescheduling of gabapentin and pregabalin to Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs from 1 April 2019: RPS support webpage](#) accessed 19/3/19

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