



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DISABILITY AND AGEING

National Health Act 1953
National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017

INSTRUMENT OF APPROVAL FOR PBS HOSPITAL MEDICATION CHARTS

I, Sam Peascod, Assistant Secretary, Care Integration and Access Branch, Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division, Health Resourcing Group, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, have the authority to approve forms of medication charts for the prescribing, supply and claiming of PBS medicines, under subsection 41(5) of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017* (the Regulations), as Delegate for the Secretary of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

A medication chart is a chart in a form approved under subsection 41(5) of the Regulations, used for prescribing, and recording the administration of pharmaceutical benefits to persons receiving treatment in or at a residential care service or hospital, whether or not the chart is used for any other purpose, or contains any other information.

I hereby repeal the instrument of approval as signed by the Assistant Secretary, Pricing and PBS Policy Branch, Technology Assessment and Access Division, Department of Health on 30 April 2019, approving five medication charts for use in Australian hospitals. In its place, I approve the following:

- (a) for the purposes of chart, other than an electronic medication chart, that is used for prescribing, and recording the administration of, pharmaceutical benefits to persons receiving treatment in a hospital - a form attached to this instrument (which include):
- PBS Hospital Medication Chart A (Acute)
 - PBS Hospital Medication Chart B (Acute)
 - PBS Hospital Medication Chart (Long Stay)
 - Western Australian PBS Medication Chart (Acute)-use restricted to Western Australian Hospitals only.

This instrument commences on 31 July 2025.

Dated this 31st day of July 2025.



Sam Peascod
Assistant Secretary
Care Integration and Access Branch
Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division
Health Resourcing Group
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

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Attach ADR sticker

Affix patient identification label here and overleaf

URN:
 Family name:
 Given names:
 Address:
 Date of birth:
 Medicare No:
 Concessional or dependent RPBS or Safety Net Concession Card Holder

Not a valid prescription unless identifiers present

Sex: M F

PBS/RPBS Entitlement No.
 Safety Net Entitlement Card Holder

Allergies and adverse drug reactions (ADR)
 Nil known Unknown (tick appropriate box or complete details below)

Medicine (or other)	Reaction / type / date	Initials

Sign Print Date

First prescriber to print patient name and check label correct:
 Weight (kg): Height (cm):

Regular Medicines Brand substitution not permitted PBS/RPBS Year

Variable dose medicine Date and month →

Start Date	Medicine (print generic name)/form	Drug level	Time level taken	Dose	Continue on discharge? Y / N	Dispense? Y / N	Duration:days Qty:	Prescriber's signature:	Date:
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Route	Frequency	Prescriber to enter dose times and individual dose							
Indication	Pharmacy	Prescriber							
Prescriber signature	SAC/AAN	Time to be given							
		Nurse initial							

VTE risk assessed: Yes Prophylaxis not required Contraindicated Signature: Date:

Start Date	Medicine (print generic name)/form	Route	Dose and Frequency	Indication	Pharmacy	Prescriber	SAC/AAN	Continue on discharge? Y / N	Dispense? Y / N	Duration:days Qty:	Prescriber's signature:	Date:
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				VTE prophylaxis								
				Mechanical prophylaxis								
				AM check								
				PM check								

Warfarin Marevan / Coumadin INR Result

Start Date	Medicine (print generic name)/form	Target INR Range	Dose	Continue on discharge? Y / N	Dispense? Y / N	Duration:days Qty:	Prescriber's signature:	Date:
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Route	Prescriber to enter individual doses							
Indication	Pharmacy							
Prescriber signature								
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				Initial 2				

Prescriber to enter administration times →

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Pharmaceutical review:

Recommended administration times
 Guidelines only

Time	Code	Time	Time	Time	
Morning	Mane	0800		1800 or 2000	
Night	Nocte				
Twice a day	BD	0800	2000		
Three times a day	TDS	0800	1400	2000	
Regular 6 hourly	6 hrly	0600	1200	1800	2400
Regular 8 hourly	8 hrly	0600	1400	2200	
Four times a day	QID	0600	1200	1800	2200

SR = Sustained, modified or controlled release formulation.
 If scored tablet, then half can be given.
 Dose must be swallowed without crushing.

Anticoagulant education record
 Medicine:
 Education
 Provided Declined
 Not appropriate
 Written information
 Provided Declined
 Written information provided:
 CMI Other:
 Signature:
 Designation: Date:

Reason for not administering
 Codes MUST be circled

Absent	(A)
Fasting	(F)
On leave	(L)
Not available – obtain supply or contact prescriber	(N)
Refused – notify prescriber	(R)
Self administered	(S)
Vomiting	(V)
Withheld – enter reason in clinical record	(W)

SAC: Streamline Authority Code
 AAN: Authority Approval Number

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Route: _____ Frequency: _____ Prescriber to enter dose times and individual dose

Dose

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Prescriber signature: _____ Print name: _____ SAC/AAN: _____ Nurse initial: _____ Date: _____

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Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment / Anticoagulation

VTE risk considered (refer guidelines) Bleeding risk considered

Pharmacological Prophylaxis: Indicated* Not Indicated Contraindicated
 *Consider surgical and anaesthetic implications prior to prescribing

Mechanical Prophylaxis: GCS IPC VFP Not Indicated Contraindicated

Key: GCS – Graduated Compression Stockings; IPC – Intermittent Pneumatic Compression; VFP – Venous Foot Pumps

Risk Assessment completed by: (name) _____ Date/Time _____ Continue Y / N _____

Warfarin / Anticoagulant in use Refer to Anticoagulation Chart for administration details

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Additional Charts – Tick if in use

Blood Glucose Level (BGL) monitoring (Subcutaneous Insulin or Intravenous Insulin Infusion)
 Clozapine Intravenous (IV) Fluid Chemotherapy
 Agitation & arousal Palliative care Acute Pain
 Long acting injection Variable dose Other

Year 20..... DATE AND MONTH →

Prescriber MUST ENTER administration times

Start Date	Medicine (print generic name)/form	Tick if slow release	Route	Dose and Frequency	and now enter times →	Indication	Pharmacy	Imprest S8 S4R	Prescriber signature	Print name	SAC/AAN	Continue on discharge? Y / N	Dispense? Y / N	Duration:days Qty:
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