



## Exclusive Q & A Session on all things General Practice

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# Nurses and My Health Record





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## Doctor's bag and storage of S4 drugs, drugs of dependence & S8 drugs. Who is responsible?

- **Schedule 8 medicines:** must be stored in a locked facility that is fixed to the floor or wall and provides not less security than a 10-mm thick mild steel drug cabinet. Exception: up to six divided doses (for example, morphine ampoules), for emergency use, may be stored in a locked facility that does not comply with r. 35(1).
- **Schedule 4 medicines:** (including samples) must be stored in a lockable storage facility (such as a cupboard, drawer, fridge, filing cabinet, treatment room or storeroom). S4 drugs of dependence may be stored in the same manner or in the drug cabinet or safe with Schedule 8 medicines.
- **Schedule 2 and 3 medicines:** same as Schedule 4.

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# How does the government calculate areas of workforce shortage?

‘We are in a community that is over-supplied with doctors and yet we have an influx of new medical centres opening up.’

- A district of workforce shortage (DWS) is a geographical area where the local population has less access to Medicare services when compared to the national average.
- These areas are identified using Medicare billing statistics and residential population estimates as calculated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).
- ABS population data are used to develop a full-time service equivalent (FSE) GP-to-population ratio for each DWSAA and compared to a national average ratio.

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## Is a CPR refresher needed every year or every 3 years?

## Are there different requirements for accreditation purposes?

- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills are used infrequently, and because of this, they may diminish.
- Evidence suggests the most important element for survival from sudden cardiac arrest is the presence of a trained rescuer who is ready, willing, able and equipped to act.
- The **RACGP Standards** recommend undertaking a refresher in CPR competence **every three years**.
- The Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) guidelines recommend that updates should be completed **at least annually**.

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# Thank you for participating!

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