



NSW
Therapeutic
Advisory
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in NSW

Group Discussion: Availability of HYDRomorphone patient information leaflets

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Background:

The Hydromorphone Standard of the NSW Health High-Risk Medicines Management Policy ([PD2015_029](#)) outlines the minimum actions required to reduce risks associated with hydromorphone. The Standard includes a risk mitigation strategy and also addresses hydromorphone prescribing, storage, supply, administration, patient monitoring, pharmaceutical review and patient information and education requirements.

Question:

NSW TAG and TAGNet members were asked to provide (if any) Hydromorphone patient information leaflets.

Responses:

Nine responses were received from: Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, John Hunter Hospital, South East Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD), Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital, Murrumbidgee (MLHD), Port Macquarie & Kempsey, Nepean Hospital, Southern NSW (SNSWLHD) and NSW Medicines Information Centre.

Three sites supplied in-house leaflets (available on request). In addition to this, it was highlighted by the NSW Medicines Information Centre that there are CMI's for all the 5 marketed hydromorphone products. There are patient handouts available from Micromedex, UpToDate, MedlinePlus and Drugs.com (US based). The UK has PILs (Patient Information Leaflets) available for all their hydromorphone products available via the electronic Medicines Compendium ([eMC](#)).

- Micromedex
https://www.micromedexsolutions.com.acs.hcn.com.au/micromedex2/librarian/CS/A447C8/ND_PR/evidencexpert/ND_P/evidencexpert/DUPLICATIONSHIELDSYNC/67954F/ND_PG/evidencexpert/ND_B/evidencexpert/ND_AppProduct/evidencexpert/ND_T/evidencexpert/PFActionId/evidencexpert.DoIntegratedSearch?SearchTerm=hydromorphone&UserSearchTerm=hydromorphone&SearchFilter=filterNone&navitem=searchALL#
- UpToDate
https://www.uptodate.com.acs.hcn.com.au/contents/hydromorphone-patient-drug-information?search=hydromorphone&source=search_result&selectedTitle=3~140&usage_type=default&display_rank=3
- MedlinePlus
<https://medlineplus.gov/druginfo/meds/a682013.html>
- Drugs.com
<https://www.drugs.com/search.php?searchterm=hydromorphone&a=1>
- US DEA
https://www.dea.gov/druginfo/drug_data_sheets/Hydromorphone.pdf

- MHRA
 - Oral immediate release capsules
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/groups/spcpil/documents/spcpil/con1511499661812.pdf>
 - Injections
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/groups/spcpil/documents/spcpil/con1489731295307.pdf>
 - Oral slow release capsules
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/groups/spcpil/documents/spcpil/con1499405085221.pdf>

Responses received as at 28/02/2018

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