

Fact sheet

New National Inpatient Medication Chart (NIMC)

Use of the NIMC is mandatory for all Australian health service organisations, and required for accreditation purposes under the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards. The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has recently released a new version of the NIMC. This follows a comprehensive national trial in which a number of SA health services participated. The new version of the NIMC includes:

Venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis section ***NEW***

This new section is designed to reduce the rate of healthcare associated VTE by prompting prescribers to assess and document the risk of VTE for all adult patients and to prescribe prophylaxis (pharmacological and/or mechanical) where appropriate. This section is included on the NIMC (acute), NIMC (GP e-version) and in a modified form on the NIMC (day surgery).

VTE risk assessed: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Prophylaxis not required <input type="checkbox"/> Contraindicated <input type="checkbox"/>		Signature: _____	Date: _____
Date	Medicine (print generic name)		
Route	Dose	Frequency and NOW enter times	
Indication	Pharmacy		
VTE prophylaxis			
Prescriber signature	Print your name	Contact	
Mechanical prophylaxis		AM check	
Prescriber/NI signature	Print your name	Contact	
		PM check	

Continue or discharge? Yes / No
Initials: _____ days 0x: _____

Warfarin section ***UPDATED***

The warfarin section now includes an additional space for the initials of a second person to document double checking of the dose of this high risk medicine.

Date	Warfarin	Marevan / Coumadin select brand	INR Result	
Route	Prescriber to enter individual doses	Target INR Range	Dose	mg mg
Indication	Pharmacy		Prescriber	
Prescriber signature	Print your name	Contact	1600	
PRESCRIBER MUST ENTER administration times			Initial 1	
			Initial 2	

Variable dose medicine section ***UPDATED***

To improve interpretation of drug levels and better guide dosing decisions, this section now includes space to document the actual time of medicine administration (in the 'Time given' row), which may be different from the prescribed dose time.

Variable dose medicine		Drug level
Date	Medicine (print generic name)	Time level taken
Route	Frequency	Dose
Prescriber to enter dose time and individual doses		Prescriber
Indication	Pharmacy	
Prescriber signature	Print your name	Contact
		Time to be given
		Time given

EPAS Downtime Form ***NEW***

The NIMC (acute) is the medication chart included in packs for use during periods of downtime; 'EPAS Downtime Form' is now indicated on the right hand margin on the front of the chart.

SA implementation and further information

The new versions are now available for implementation in SA health services and educational resources and tools are available to support this. NIMC Support Materials including the NIMC User Guide and VTE resources can be found at: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au>.

For more information

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