



INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

MedsASSIST – *Informing medicine decisions*

This pharmacy is using MedsASSIST, the real-time recording and monitoring system to support patient safety and improve the clinical outcomes for medicines containing codeine. The system will also assist your pharmacist when making the appropriate therapeutic assessment in relation to the supply of codeine medicine.

As part of this system, if you request supply or are recommended a codeine medicine by your pharmacist, they will ask your consent to record your **photographic ID card number** in the system.

Acceptable forms of photographic ID

The following types of photographic ID are acceptable for use in the system:

- > a driver's licence
- > a Proof of Age card
- > Any other form of photographic identification

How the system works

1. Your pharmacist will assess the appropriateness of a codeine medicine for you.
2. Your pharmacist will then ask you for a photographic ID and seek your consent to record the ID number in the system which is protected, controlled and operated by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.
3. If you do not consent to providing your photographic ID card number for recording and monitoring in the system, your pharmacist may choose not to supply the medicine because they cannot be sure it is safe to do so. In such circumstances, your pharmacist may elect to offer alternative medicines or recommend other treatment options including referral.
4. Your pharmacist also records the name and the quantity of the codeine medicine you have requested in the system and reviews any previous purchases of codeine medicine you may have made.

5. If a supply is made based on your therapeutic needs, the reason for use and recommended duration of use will be recorded in the system.
6. If your pharmacist decides it is not therapeutically appropriate to supply a codeine medicine, they will explain the reason for this decision and may provide further clinical information or recommendations to support your health. This will also be recorded in the system.

Use and disclosure of your personal information

The system will provide your pharmacist with the following information about your previous purchases of a codeine medicine: the product name, quantity, postcode and date of purchase. Your pharmacist will use this information to help determine your therapeutic needs, identify potential risk of codeine dependence and provide clinical referral pathways if required.

This information may be shared with other pharmacists authorised to use the system.

Personal information collected by this Real Time Recording system will be held for the purposes stated for 2 years and is then removed from the system.

You may request access to your information recorded in the system or have it corrected.

For further information or if you have any concerns, contact:

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