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Re: Interim decision in relation to paracetamol (modified release)

The NSW Poisons Information Centre maintains the belief that Schedule 3 will not provide sufficient control to reduce frequency of deliberate self-poisoning with MR paracetamol. Although schedule 3 will *enable* pharmacists to exert some control over purchase for suspected problematic or inappropriate use, experience with codeine and other schedule 3 products indicate that pharmacists have not exerted the necessary control in the past, and we fear this will also occur with MR paracetamol.

Regardless, a comprehensive evaluation program needs to be funded to evaluate if the changes in treatment protocols and/or scheduling will have an impact on the incidence of and/or harms associated with MR paracetamol.



Regards

