

Fact sheet

Updated 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 South Australian NIMC Adult Acute care / EPAS Downtime form has been updated according to the NIMC Jurisdictional Local Management guidelines. The updated version of the NIMC includes:

“Once only, pre-medication, telephone orders and nurse initiated medicines” section

This section now includes TWO column spaces for TWO nurses to document taking a telephone order. This is in alignment with the national version of the NIMC. Inclusion of the additional column enables recording on one line and greater clarity of orders. This section will also be included in the Long Stay Medication Chart.

Once only, pre-medication, telephone orders and nurse initiated medicines (Telephone orders MUST be signed within 24 hrs of order)										
Date / time prescribed	Medicine (print generic name)	Route	Dose	Duration of use	Telephone orders		Prescriber/nurse initiator (N)	Given by	Time given	Pharmacy
					Check initials N/	Signature Print your name				

“Adverse Drug Reaction” section

“**COMPLETE ALERT SHEET IN MEDICAL RECORD**” has been included to promote timely completion of the Alert Sheet in compliance with the Preventing Adverse Drug Events policy.

Attach ADR sticker

Allergies and Adverse Drug Reactions (ADR)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nil known <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown (tick appropriate box or complete details below)		
Medicine (or other)	Reaction / type / date	Initials

COMPLETE ALERT SHEET IN MEDICAL RECORD

Clinic Patient Initials

Other

“**NOT A VALID ORDER UNLESS LEGIBLE**” has been added along the side of the chart to encourage clarity of orders and to support staff to question unclear orders.

SA implementation

The updated version of the Adult Acute Care / EPAS Downtime form will be available from printers shortly. NIMC support materials including the NIMC User Guide are found at: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au>.

For more information

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