

POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS ACT 1966

Section 10 Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966

Clauses 17, 53, 170 and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008

AUTHORITY - REGISTERED NURSES AND STI THERAPIES

I, Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer a duly appointed delegate of the Secretary, NSW Health, pursuant to sections 10(2)(b) and 10(4)(d) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and clauses 170 and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008 (the Regulation) hereby make this instrument.



Dr Kerry Chant

Chief Health Officer

Dated: 25 November 2025

1. Authorisation

This instrument authorises registered nurses to supply the poisons and restricted substances listed in clause 2 subject to the conditions in clause 3 of this instrument.

2. Poisons and restricted substances to which this instrument applies

This instrument applies to:

- a. azithromycin
- b. doxycycline
- c. ceftriaxone
- d. metronidazole
- e. benzylpenicillin (benzathine benzylpenicillin tetrahydrate)
- f. tenofovir (tenofovir disoproxil) with emtricitabine
- g. valaciclovir
- h. fluconazole
- i. levonorgestrel for emergency post-coital contraception (Schedule 3)
- j. ulipristal acetate for emergency post-coital contraception (Schedule 3)
- k. cabotegravir prolonged-release suspension for injection
- l. rilpivirine prolonged-release suspension for injection
- m. lidocaine

3. Conditions

A registered nurse may supply the poison or restricted substance listed in clause 2 subject to the conditions that:

- a. The registered nurse is an Accredited Registered Nurse under NSW Health Policy Directive PD2024_043 RN Supply and Administration of STI Therapies in Publicly Funded Sexual Health Services.
- b. The supply by the Accredited Registered Nurse is in the course of employment at a public health organisation in accordance with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2024_043 RN Supply and Administration of STI Therapies in Publicly Funded Sexual Health Services.
- c. In supplying the substance, the Accredited Registered Nurse follows the 'Algorithm for Supply and Administration of STI Therapies by Accredited Registered Nurses Employed in NSW PFSHS' (from the point the



patient/contact attends the clinic for treatment) under the NSW Health Policy Directive PD2024_043 RN Supply and Administration of STI Therapies in Publicly Funded Sexual Health Services.

4. Publication

This instrument will be published on the NSW Health website.

5. Definitions

- a. **Public health organisation** has the meaning given to it in the Health Services Act 1997.

6. Commencement

This authority commences on publication.

7. Cancellation

This authority has effect until it is revoked.