

MEDICATION STANDING ORDER

Medication Details

Name:	Glyceryl trinitrate/ GTN (Anginine®)	Class / Actions:	vasodilator
Route:	Sublingual	Dose/Dose Calc:	600microg stat or 300 microg (half a tablet) if no previous administration
Frequency:	Repeat every 5 minutes if chest pain continues to a maximum of 3 tablets	Duration:	Emergency use
Max. daily dose:	1800 microg		

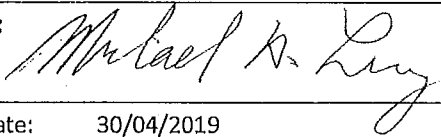
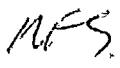
Indications / Criteria for use

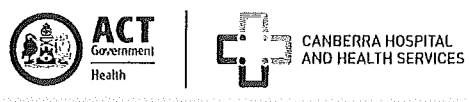
Indication for use:	Discomfort or pain in the centre of the chest
Patient Population:	Adult detainees
Exclusions:	Persons who have had adverse effects to GTN in the past
Ward / Unit:	Alexander Maconachie Centre and Dhulwa Secure Mental Health Unit
Authorised staff:	Registered Nurses who work at the Alexander Maconachie Centre and Dhulwa Secure Mental Health Unit

Clinical Information

Contraindications:	Hypersensitivity to GTN, Blood Pressure < 100mmHg, cerebral haemorrhage, head injury, hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy, cardiac tamponade, aortic or mitral valve stenosis or cor pulmonale, marked anaemia, raised intercranial pressure and phosphodiesterase 5 inhibitors (sildenafil, tadalafil, verdenafil)
Precautions:	Check blood pressure prior to administration and do not administer if blood pressure <100mmHg
Adverse Reactions:	Headache, flushing of face and neck, tachycardia, dizziness, hypotension, syncope, GI upset and restlessness.
Monitoring / Obs:	Patient should be sitting or lying prior to administration of GTN. Constant supervision and regular monitoring of vital signs (including respiratory rate, Heart rate, Blood pressure and oxygen saturations for all clients with chest pain is essential.
Referral Criteria:	A medical officer should be consulted as soon as possible. Transfer to hospital for ongoing treatment and management via ambulance should be considered.

Approval Details

Approval No:	CHHS17/104		
Clinical Sponsor:	Prof Michael Levy	Signature:	
Approval Date:	01/05/2017	Review Date:	30/04/2019
DTC Chair:	Dr Richard Singer	Signature:	



Guidance for Medication Standing Orders

About Standing Orders

- Medication standing orders are a generic written instruction to administer a particular named medication (at a specified dose and frequency) to a defined group of patients under certain conditions.
- They may only be exercised by authorised CHHS staff, when the stated conditions are met.
- Medication standing orders preclude the need for an Individual prescription to be written and signed by the treating doctor. They are intended for exceptional circumstances and not routine introduction.

Legal Issues

- Medication standing orders must be approved by the CHHS Drugs and Therapeutics Committee, bear the signature of the chair and have an approval number.
- A midwife/nurse registered in the ACT or an approved extended scope health practitioner may administer medications as per the instructions of a legal standing order. A standing order may restrict this authority to a specific, qualified, competent or validated group as stated in the order.
- Recording must be observed as for any prescription or drug therapy.

Obligations of Staff

• **Initiating a medication standing order:**

On the appropriate section of the CHHS medication chart you must record:

- full name, signature & position of the person initiating the order
- that the order is a standing order
- the medication (approved generic name), route/form, dose/dose calculation, frequency (if applicable)
- the standing order approval number
- the expiration/duration of this specific order

• **Administering a medication dose from a standing order:**

Next to the appropriate sections of the initiated order you must record -

- day and time of administration of the medication
- signature of the person/s administering the medicine

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Date Prescribed	Medication (Print Generic Name)	Route	Dose	Date/ Time of dose	Prescriber/Nurse Initiator (NI)		Given	Time Given	Pharmacy
					Signature	Print Name			
8/10/12	Metoclopramide <i>(standing order - CHHS141000)</i>	PO	10mg	8/10/12 14:25	<i>ANurse RN</i>	<i>Anne Nurse</i>	<i>Only</i>	<i>14:25</i>	<i>Example</i>
									Not Valid Standing Order

- A copy of the standing order should be kept with the medication chart while in use
- Report all Adverse Drug Reactions, patient harm or near miss incidents via the usual Riskman processes.
- Questions or clarification regarding the standing order should be directed to the clinical sponsor.
- Feedback may be forwarded to the CHHS Drug and Therapeutics Committee at DTC@act.gov.au