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Change to the status of Midazolam on 1 January 2008

Pharmacists are advised that on 1 January 2008, midazolam's legal classification will change from its current status as a Schedule 4 Part I Controlled Drug to a Schedule 3 Controlled Drug.

Pharmacists should refer to p24 and pp36–37 of the “Medicines, Ethics and Practice: a guide for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians” (31st edition) for a summary of the legal requirements for Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs.

When it is reclassified, midazolam will be exempt from the requirements relating to safe custody, and will not legally require storage in a controlled drug cabinet meeting the requirements of legislation.

Midazolam will be the only Schedule 3 Controlled Drug that, in certain circumstances, can be included in a patient group direction (PGD). Under no other circumstances can any other Schedule 3 Controlled Drug be legally included in a PGD.