

<b>POLICY 26</b>	<b>REVIEW DATE</b> Jan2023	<b>NEXT REVIEW DATE</b> Jan 2025
<b>RN Prescribing within Practice Team</b>	<b>AUTHORISED BY</b>	<b>AUTHORISED BY</b>

**Purpose**

- To outline the policy related to RN Prescribers undertaking prescribing activities for controlled drugs for longer than 7 days within the practice team.
- To outline the policy related to RN Prescribers undertaking prescribing activities for patients in Aged Residential Care (ARC).

**Scope**

RN Prescribers

Authorised Prescribers

**Responsible Staff**

Clinical Directors

**Policy**

Controlled Drugs

RN Prescribers may prescribe controlled drugs for longer than 7 days (up to 1 month) in the following specific circumstances:

1. Patients in ARC facilities where the patient is being regularly reviewed and the medication is being continued having originally been prescribed by an authorised prescriber.
2. Palliative Patients in the community or hospice
3. For other patients in collaboration with an authorised prescriber in line with the Nursing Council of New Zealand Guidelines. This will be documented in the patient notes.

ARC Residents

RN Prescribers may prescribe regular and PRN medications to ensure timely and continued access to medicines, where the RN Prescriber may not themselves have consulted the patient, in the following circumstances:

1. Where the patient is being regularly reviewed by an authorised prescriber who maintains clinical oversight,
2. and the RN Prescriber has communicated with either the ARC clinical team or Community Pharmacist. \*

\*Note: This assists timely access to regular and PRN medicines because the schedule of the local medication management systems by Community Pharmacies may not be co-ordinated with an ARC provider's patient regular review schedules.