Overview - Endorsement for scheduled medicines

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Endorsement for Scheduled Medicines

• The Board has Ministerial approval to endorse the registration of a podiatrist or podiatric surgeon as being qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use the scheduled medicines as listed in the *List of Scheduled Medicines Approved by the Podiatry Board of Australia* (the National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List).

• National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List is a compilation of the scheduled medicines that were authorised under state and territory drugs and poisons legislation for use by podiatrists and podiatric surgeons.
Scheduled medicines - prior to National Law

• Podiatric surgeons in some jurisdictions had limited prescribing rights
• In one jurisdiction podiatrists and podiatric surgeons were ‘authorised’ to purchase and use a defined list of Schedule 4 medicines
• In Victoria, podiatrists and podiatric surgeons could have their registration endorsed for scheduled medicines under the Health Profession Registration Act 2005
ESM Registration Standard and Guidelines

• Essentially adopted the Victorian model for ESM

• ESM registration standard – requirements for ESM

• Two pathways to ESM

• Guidelines and Information Package provide further information on requirements and application process
Board’s requirements

- All applicants are required to complete approved program of study in podiatric therapeutics (undergraduate or post graduate)

- ANZPAC has developed accreditation standard for programs of study in podiatric therapeutics which were approved by the Board in 2012

- Also required to complete a period of post qualification clinical experience

- Clinical component enables consolidation of undergraduate knowledge and broad clinical experience

- Current requirements broadly align with the proposed HPPP
Pathway 1

• Pathway 1 was introduced as a transition pathway and provides a pathway for practitioners who had a history of active participation in prescribing before the commencement of the National Scheme.
• Approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics; plus
• Seven years clinical experience in a setting where active prescribing is occurring; plus
• References from two clinicians (medical practitioner or podiatrist with ESM) confirming exposure to patient care involving scheduled medicines.
Pathway 1 (Cont)

• Very few applications under this pathway and Board considering phasing it out as part of the current review of ESM requirements

• Issues with this pathway – ensuring applicants have had adequate exposure to prescribing the breadth of drugs on the National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List.
Pathway 2

• Majority of applicants use this pathway

• Approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics achieved within the last 7 years; plus

• 20 hours of board approved web based case studies (equates to 15 Board approved web-based case studies); plus

• 40 sessions of supervised practice with active prescribing in 12 month period
  – equates to 40 log sheets (must be signed off by supervisor)
  – Supervisory agreement
  – Supervisor must be registered medical practitioner or podiatrist with ESM
CPD for podiatrists with ESM

• Podiatrists with ESM must complete an additional 10 hours of CPD per year related to this scope of practice
State and Territory Drugs and Poisons legislation

- **Endorsement** – qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use the scheduled medicines as listed in the *List of Scheduled Medicines Approved by the Podiatry Board of Australia* (the National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List)

- **Authority** – State and territory drugs and poisons legislation
- Currently, WA, NSW; SA; and NT drugs and poisons legislation *authorises* podiatrist with ESM to use and prescribe from National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List in accordance with the endorsement.
- **Victoria** – podiatrists and podiatric surgeons whose registration is endorsed can use medicines from a list published in the Government Gazette
Review of board’s ESM requirements

• Board is currently reviewing ESM requirements

• Similar model to current Pathway 2 proposed – qualification in podiatric therapeutics plus 12 month period of post graduation clinical experience to gain broad exposure to use of scheduled medicines in clinical setting and consolidate learning

• Applicants will be required to provide evidence of how they meet the NPS competencies

• Proposed model to align with final HPPP