

AOD Clinical Advisory Service and S8 Prescribing in your State or Territory

In an emergency

For acute patient presentations that you can't safely manage in your practice setting, provide immediate care while arranging for safe transport of the patient to your nearest emergency department. Once the patient is stable, an inpatient admission to an AOD service can then occur if required. Examples of AOD emergencies include withdrawal seizures, substance-induced psychosis, overdose, or suicidal intent.

Quick Links to State/Territory Clinical AOD Information

Call your local state or territory Clinical Advisory Service to access timely advice from an addiction medicine specialist. This service is specifically for clinicians to discuss the management of patients who use alcohol and other drugs. Links to relevant S8 prescribing legislative requirements for each state and territory are included below.

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State	Clinical Advisory Services	Contact	S8 Prescribing links
NSW/ACT	Drug & Alcohol Specialist Advisory Service St Vincent's Hospital	1800 023 687 (24/7 hours, call back service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW Health - Prescribing a Schedule 8 opioid or benzodiazepine NSW Health - Application forms for authority to prescribe
NT	Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS)	1800 111 092 (24/7 hours, call back service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NT Health - Medicines and poisons
QLD	Alcohol and Drug Clinical Advisory Service (ADIS)	1800 290 928 (8am - 11pm/7 days, call-back service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queensland Health - Schedule 8 Medicines
SA	Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS)	(08) 7087 1742 8am - 10pm, 7 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA Health – Schedule 8 medicine treatment
TAS	Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS)	1800 630 093 (24/7 hours, call back service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasmanian Government – Schedule 8 and declared Schedule 4 Medicines Management Policy
VIC	Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS)	1800 812 804 (24/7 hours, call back service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vic Health - Online forms - drugs and poisons regulation Vic Health - Patient Schedule 8 treatment permits Vic Health - Safescript
WA	Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service	(08) 6553 0520 (8am - 8pm, Mon-Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WA Health - Opioids, benzodiazepines and other Schedule 8 medicines.

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