

Patient Group Direction

**Administration of PARACETAMOL 500mg TABLETS/ EFFERVESCENT
500mg TABLETS/ SUSPENSION 250mg/ 5ml**

By Registered Nurses employed by South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare
Foundation NHS Trust

**This Patient Group Direction for use in South Staffordshire & Shropshire
Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and is authorised by:**

Position of Signatory	Name	Signed	Date
Medical Director	Dr Abid Khan		
Chief Pharmacist	Cathy Riley		
Director of Nursing	Alison Bussey		
Director of Quality & Clinical Performance	Therèsa Moyes		

**The named below, being employees of
South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
are authorised to administer Paracetamol, to patients in In-Patient or Day
Unit care, under this Patient Group Direction**

Name	Job Title	Signed	Date
	Service Manager		

**This Patient Group Direction is operational from April 2017. Review
date: Feb 2019. Expires on 30th April 2019**

This PGD replaces PGD 0915

Professional Responsibility

All registered nurses and non medical prescribers being employees of South Staffordshire & Shropshire HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust are authorised to administer Paracetamol, as specified under this Patient Group direction, in an in-patient or day unit setting, following demonstration of the competencies below:

Professional Responsibility / Competencies

1. The registered nurse will have undertaken appropriate training to carry out clinical assessment of patient who requires treatment according to the indications listed in the PGD
2. All nurses will have received training in the management and treatment of anaphylactic shock on an annual basis
3. Each nurse will keep a record in their professional portfolio of the updates attended during every 12 month period – This information will also form part of the team's annual training plan
4. The nurse will have due regard for the NMC Code of Conduct, Scope of Professional Practice and Standards for Medicines Management (Nursing & Midwifery Council)
5. Undertaken appropriate training and possess the competencies for working under PGDs for the supply and administration of medicines
6. All registered nurses details and signature must be entered on the PGD
7. Following administration a record of the date, and dose of the medicine should be recorded in the client's records, and within the As Required section of the medicine card, with PGD Number being inserted.

For full product information, always refer to the latest SPC (Summary of Product Characteristics).

Supply/Administration of	Paracetamol 500mg Tablets / Paracetamol Effervescent 500mg Tablets/ Suspension 250mg/5ml
Legal Classification	GSL
Black Triangle?	No
Type	Tablets / effervescent/ liquid Suspension
Storage	Locked cupboard
Condition to be treated	Mild to moderate pain, pyrexia
Inclusion Criteria	Adults or adolescents aged 12 years and over, with mild to moderate pain and/ or pyrexia, who are 45kg or above
Exclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under 12 years • Alcohol dependence • Renal or hepatic impairment • Hypersensitivity to Paracetamol • Taking warfarin • Patient taking other medication taking Paracetamol • Patients under 45kg (use alternative PGD) <p>Check most recent BNF for other drug interactions.</p>
Action if excluded or patient declines	Contact Duty Doctor
Reasons for seeking further advice from doctor	If no response, see Duty Doctor
Administration Route	Oral
Dose	500mg-1000mg (1-2 tablets) 500mg-1000mg effervescent (1-2 tablets) 500mg-1000mg (10-20 mls)
Administration Schedule	<p>Four to six hourly as required, up to FOUR times each day.</p> <p>Max dose in 24 hours, 4000mg (8 tablets) OR Max dose in 24 hours, 4000mg (80mls)</p> <p>Total dose to be administered using PGD - no more</p>

	than 8000mg (16 tablets / 160mls) per month
Warnings/Adverse Reactions	Side effects are rare, but rashes and blood disorders reported. For full details see Summary of Product Characteristics
Advice/Management of Adverse Reactions & Follow-up Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid taking/administering other medicines containing paracetamol. • Ensure follow up arrangements for further care as appropriate • Ensure administration is recorded in patients notes
Use in pregnancy and lactation	<u>Pregnancy</u> -Not known to be harmful <u>Lactation</u> - amount too small to be harmful
Records	<p>The following should be recorded in the patient's notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of preparation • Dose given • Route of administration • Date and time given • Signature of person administering the medicine • Reason for administration <p><u>and</u> the administration also recorded in the medicine card/electronic prescribing & medicines administration record, with the PGD Number recorded as authorisation..</p>