Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

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| **TITLE:** | **Pharmacist Initiated Treatment of Urinary Tract Infection** |

1. **Authority:**

Issued by the Chief Executive Officer of Health under Part 6 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.

1. **Scope:**

This authorises Registered Pharmacists working in community pharmacy to supply antibiotics, for the treatment of uncomplicated urinary tract infection (UTI) for female patients aged between 18 and 65 years.

1. **Criteria:**

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below:

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| Practitioner: | Registered Pharmacists who have completed approved training in accordance with Appendix 1. |
| Practice setting: | Registered pharmacy premises approved by the Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia.  All regions of WA. |
| Approved activity: | Supply of Schedule 4 oral antibiotics for the treatment of urinary tract infection |
| Approved medicines: | Medicines listed in Appendix 2:   * Nitrofurantoin, or * trimethoprim |
| Medical conditions: | Uncomplicated urinary tract infection in females aged between 18 and 65 years. |

1. **Conditions:**

The supply of approved medicines under this SASA is subject to the conditions that:

* 1. The pharmacist has an unconditional general registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA);
  2. The pharmacist has successfully completed training in accordance with Appendix 1, and must maintain eligibility to provide the service, including any ongoing training;
  3. The approved medicines are only supplied for patients aged between 18 and 65 years with anatomical female urinary tract, presenting to a community pharmacy with symptoms indicative of uncomplicated UTI, and meeting all clinical inclusion criteria;
  4. Prior to supply of antibiotic treatment, the pharmacist must confirm the patient has not been treated for a urinary tract infection in the past 6 months or more than 2 infections in the past 12 months;
  5. The medicines are supplied from a pharmacy registered in Western Australia;
  6. The registered pharmacy must have an area suitable to maintain confidentiality of the consultation;
  7. Completion of a comprehensive clinical record of treatment and generation of a service summary provided to the patient and/or their primary health provider;
  8. Supply, packaging and labelling of the approved medicines is in accordance with Part 9 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016;
  9. Record keeping of supply is in accordance with Part 12 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016; and
  10. Details of the supply is transmitted to My Health Record.

1. **Issued by:**

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| **Date:** | 24 July 2023 |

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**APPENDIX 1**

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| **Approved Training** |

Pharmacists must successfully complete a competency-based training delivered through a higher education institution accredited by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency or an accredited continuing professional development program, that meets the Australian Pharmacy Council’s Standards for Continuing Professional Development Activities.

The training must require participants to demonstrate satisfactory knowledge, understanding and minimum competencies in the following areas:

1. Classification and epidemiology of urinary tract infections (UTIs).
2. Anatomy of the female urinary tract, pathogenesis, risk factors, and microbiology of UTIs.
3. Clinical features, assessment, and differential diagnosis of UTIs. Including conditions with similar symptoms and risk factors for complicated UTIs.
4. Pharmacological and non-pharmacological management of UTIs.
5. Evidence and role of over-the-counter products for UTIs.
6. Antimicrobial resistance and stewardship.
7. Requirements for UTI community pharmacy service.

Pharmacists must complete cultural safety and gender diversity training relevant to their place of practice, reflect on their competency and provide the service in ways that are inclusive, culturally safe, sensitive, and responsive.

**APPENDIX 2**

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| **Approved Medicines** |

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| Approved oral antibiotics | Maximum quantity | Conditions |
| Nitrofurantoin 100mg | 20 tablets or capsules | Treatment in accordance with local resistance patterns |
| Trimethoprim 300mg | 3 tablets or capsules | Treatment in accordance with local resistance patterns |