



## TGA workshops: Codeine up-scheduling

From 1 February 2018, medicines containing codeine will no longer be available over the counter in pharmacies.

The Department of Health Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is working in collaboration with Primary Health Networks and pain specialists to ensure health professionals dealing with chronic and acute pain management have alternative strategies to use in preparation for 1 February and beyond.

The TGA invites you to attend an evening workshop on the **up-scheduling of codeine**, and the opportunity to engage with senior TGA representatives as well as leading specialists in acute and chronic pain management and addiction.

### Perth workshop

<b>Date</b>	Thursday 30 November 2017
<b>Time</b>	6pm – 9pm
<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">Fraser's Restaurant</a> : 60 Frasers Ave, Kings Park

Please see over the page for the detailed program of topics and speakers. This event is being held in conjunction with another event on Codeine and General Practice organised by Indivior, Blackwood River Clinic and Abbotsford Private Hospital.

### Registration

If you are interested in attending, please email [RSVPHPRGExecutive@health.gov.au](mailto:RSVPHPRGExecutive@health.gov.au) with the following information:

- Full name of representative/s attending
- Name of organisation and/or your position
- Phone number and email address of attendees
- Topic suggestions for discussion panel
- The location of your event
- Dietary requirements if applicable

*A light meal will be provided.*

If you have any further queries, please contact the TGA Regulatory Education Section on 1800 020 653 or email [RSVPHPRGExecutive@health.gov.au](mailto:RSVPHPRGExecutive@health.gov.au).



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**Department of Health**  
Therapeutic Goods Administration

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**Perth, Thursday 30 November 2017, 6-9pm**  
**Program**

Topic	Speaker(s)
<i>Registration and light meal from 6.00pm</i>	
Scheduling decision and rationale	<b>Adj. Prof. John Skerritt</b> <i>Deputy Secretary, Health Products Regulation Group, Australian Government Department of Health</i> <b>Avi Rebera</b> <i>Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Engagement and Planning Therapeutic Goods Administration</i>
Alternative options to codeine-containing OTC medicines <i>Codeine: The facts</i>	<b>Dr Suzanne Nielson</b> <i>Senior research fellow UNSW, Pharmacist</i>
Managing codeine dependence	<b>Dr Rene Vytialingam</b> <i>Addiction Medicine Consultant, Next Step Drug and Alcohol Services</i>
How to tame the codeine Big Bad Wolf	<b>Dr Stephen Proud</b> <i>Director of Psychiatry, Abbotsford Private Hospital</i>
Hearing from the consumer – <i>A consumer voice</i>	A consumer talking about their own journey with codeine
Discussion panel and Q&A	All

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