Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 (No. 9)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health and Child Care has, in terms of section 6 of the Dangerous Drugs Act [*Chapter 15:02*] made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 (No. 9).

2. The Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1975, published in Rhodesia Government Notice 111 of 1975, is amended by the insertion, after section 19 of the following section—

"Palliative care nurses

19A. (1) In this section—

"authorised institution" means an institution authorised by the Authority for the purposes of this section;

"morphine for palliative care" means an oral preparation containing morphine or an injectable morphine administered through a syringe pump;

"palliative care nurse" means palliative care nurse registered as such by the Nurses Council of Zimbabwe in terms of the Health Professions Act [*Chapter 27:19*] and approved by the Authority.

(2) A palliative care nurse in a public health or an authorised institution may be authorised so far as is necessary for practice of his or her profession or employment, to administer, prescribe and be in possession of morphine for palliative care.

(3) A palliative care nurse may prescribe or administer morphine for palliative care to a patient referred to him or her by a medical practitioner or a responsible health practitioner at a public health care or an authorised institution.

(4) A palliative care nurse shall keep a register in respect of each patient under his or her care and shall enter therein—

(a) name and address of the patient;

(b) the quantity and dosage form of morphine prescribed;

(c) the quantity and dosage form of morphine administered; and

(d) name of the prescriber.".

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