

Title	Demonstrate understanding of the use of common medications relevant to the emergency care first response context		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for emergency care first responders and covers common medications.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of the use of common medications relevant to the emergency care first response context.</p>
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Classification	Emergency Services > Emergency Care - First Response
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	Unit 29321, <i>Provide basic emergency care</i> , or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
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Guidance Information

- 1 Any assessments requiring application of organisational requirements may be performed using workplace organisational requirements, or simulation/scenario-based activities utilising sector good practice guidelines and/or current New Zealand Resuscitation Council Guidelines and Publications.
- 2 **Definition**
Emergency care first response context – for the purposes of this unit standard, this refers to situations where emergency care is delivered in a variety of out-of-hospital environments, largely by non-health professionals, prior to transfer of care to ambulance crew or other health care professional. Emergency care in this context recognises and responds to respiratory and circulatory insufficiency, changes in levels of consciousness, and responds to other conditions using devices and/or techniques readily available to non-health professionals.
- 3 **References**
References include New Zealand Resuscitation Council (NZRC) guidelines and publications; and/or the protocols of the organisation employing the candidate; and/or equipment manufacturer’s documentation; and/or current texts relating to out-of-hospital emergency care practices. Guidelines relating to all aspects of adult, child, and infant basic life support are available at <http://www.resus.org.nz>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of the use of common medications relevant to the emergency care first response context.

Performance criteria

1.1 Explain common medications in terms of when and how they should and should not be used, and dosages.

Range includes but is not limited to – aspirin, salbutamol, glyceryl trinitrate (GTN), adrenaline (for anaphylaxis), oxygen, glucagon, pain relief (such as paracetamol etc).

1.2 Explain administration of common medications in accordance with organisational procedures.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	10 December 2015	N/A
Revision	2	25 July 2019	N/A
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Rollover and Revision	4	28 September 2023	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0121
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Comments on this unit standard

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