



PGDs and PSDs

Resources on Patient Group Directions (PGDs) and Patient Specific Directions (PSDs)

All vaccines are classified as prescription only medicines; and health professionals who are not independent prescribers will need a legal mechanism for authorising the administration of yellow fever vaccine to travellers. Commonly, patient group directions (PGD) or patient specific directions (PSD) are used to supply/administer prescription only medicines.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) provide helpful information and [practical guidance on PGDs and PSDs](#); and Practice Nursing have published [Best practice for medicines management and vaccination](#), which provides detail about medicines legislation and vaccination.

For further information and practical guidance on the use of PGDs and PSDs please explore the resources below:

- [Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency \(MHRA\): Patient group directions: who can use them](#)
- [UK Health Security Agency: Immunisation by nurses and other health professionals: the green book](#)
- [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\): Patient group directions](#)
- [British Medical Association: Patient group and patient specific directions](#)