

Introducing the Codeine Care Initiative

The Codeine Care Initiative (CCI) is an initiative led by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA), in partnership with other stakeholders in the healthcare industry to ensure codeine-containing products remain accessible, with the right understanding and controls in place to ensure access is balanced against excess.

The initiative presents a centralised electronic data platform that enables pharmacists and authorised dispensers to monitor the supply of codeine-containing medicines to patients and provide important advice to ensure its safe and appropriate use.

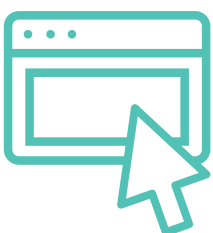
The initiative aims to prevent harm to patients due to accidental overuse, misuse, or abuse of codeine, an opioid cough suppressant or pain reliever found in many types of medicines.



Why join this initiative?

By joining this initiative, stakeholders can help ensure the safe and effective use of codeine-containing medicines. The CCI database will alert pharmacists and dispensers across the country when dispensing of possible duplication or abuse of codeine, allowing them to provide better care to their patients. This is an important initiative that can help improve patient safety and promote responsible use of codeine-containing medicines.

Upcoming activities



CCI intends hosting a series of webinars in the coming months starting in July 2024.

UPCOMING WEBINAR

10 July 2024

Topic: Module 1 | Holistic Management for pain, cough and colds