

Section 21 – Chiropodists / Podiatrists

For the purpose of this document the term podiatrist refers to state registered chiropodists & podiatrists. The Human Medicines Act 2012 contains exceptions to the general rules on supplying and/or administering medicines for registered podiatrists.

Supply & Administration of Medicines

Podiatrists who possess the relevant annotations on the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) register <http://www.hcpc-uk.org/check/> have rights to supply and/or administration of various prescription only medicines and pharmacy only medicines, alongside rights to the supply of general sales list medicines. The lists are available on the website of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rules-for-the-sale-supply-and-administration-of-medicines/rules-for-the-sale-supply-and-administration-of-medicines-for-specific-healthcare-professionals>

Prescription Only Medicines not on the List

If a podiatrist wishes to treat a patient with a Prescription Only Medicine (POM) not included on the approved list, a prescription must be obtained from the patient's medical practitioner prior to its supply unless the practitioner is an authorised non-medical prescriber.

Administration of POM Medicines

Podiatrists who hold a certificate of competence in the use of analgesics administration (POM-A) and who have this annotation on the HCPC register may administer the listed POM medicines.

- bupivacaine
- bupivacaine with adrenaline
- lignocaine
- lignocaine with adrenaline
- mepivacaine
- prilocaine
- adrenaline (Epinephrine) Inj BP
- methylprednisolone
- levobupivacaine Hydrochloride
- ropivacaine Hydrochloride

Chemical Products

Podiatrists use some chemicals in their practices. These are mainly:

- liquid phenol
- pyrogallol
- monochloroacetic acid
- salicylic acid

Since these are primarily chemical in action they fall outside the definition of a medicinal product. Podiatrists are expected to use chemicals safely and follow other relevant legislation such as the [control of substances hazardous to health \(COSHH\)](#).