The number of Australians being treated for codeine addiction more than tripled over the decade to 2012-13, from 318 to more than 1000 a year” – MJA

“Codeine is increasingly a drug of abuse in Australia” – TGA

“People who become dependent on OTC analgesics containing codeine may take up to 100 tablets per day” – PSA

Key Outcomes

On completion of this course you will be able to:

• Understand the extent and impact of inappropriate OTC codeine use in the community
• Understand proposed strategies to manage the issue, such as rescheduling and real-time recording
• Discuss the potential impact of these strategies on the community and healthcare providers, including access to analgesics and financial implications
• Understand services and treatment options available to codeine misusers, including referral pathways and specialist services

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