Ballarat Health Services Appendix 1: Medicines Requiring Specific Authority to Prescribe

Medicine/s	Authority to prescribe (BHS)
IV chemotherapy	Oncologists, Haematologist
	Advanced oncology trainee or haematology fellow
	Anaesthetists
	Intensivists
IV Anaesthetic agents Neuromuscular blockers	Emergency Consultants
	Anaesthetic, emergency or intensive care registrars (or supervised medical staff of equivalent
	status) Paediatric consultants or registrars (when treating paediatric patients)
	HMOs working in critical care areas in consultation with or under the supervision of an authorised medical staff member (listed above)
Mifepristone	Medical officers registered with MS-2 Step prescribing program
Clozapine	Medical officers registered with a clozapine program
Alprazolam	Initiated by psychiatrists only except in palliative care, where it may be prescribed by a specialist palliative care physician or by a palliative care registrar (with the approval of and under supervision by a specialist palliative care physician).
	Paediatrician
Medications administered in the Special Care Nursery	Paediatric registrar or resident (or supervised medical staff of equivalent status)
	Vitamin K injection and hepatitis B immunisation for newborns (Obstetrics & Gynaecology team)

- Authority to prescribe will be recorded in the Chris21 system and compliance monitored via audit. All breaches will be reported to the applicable Departmental Manager.
- In addition, Antimicrobial Stewardship as outlined in Antibiotic Policy POL0083 must be adhered to. The Antibiotic Policy POL0083 defines which prescribers have the authority to prescribe certain antimicrobials, defined using a "traffic light" system.