

Doctor's Bag Checklist

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) *Standards for general practices*, 5th edition, indicator GP5.3 states:

- Each of our GPs has access to a fully equipped doctor's bag for routine visits and emergency care, containing:

Compulsory equipment	Expiry date (if applicable)	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by
Auroscope					
Disposable gloves					
Equipment for maintaining an airway in adults and children (e.g. Guedel)					
Practice stationery (including prescription pads and letterhead)					
Sharps container					
Sphygmomanometer					
Stethoscope					
Syringes and needles (in a range of sizes)					
Thermometer					
Tongue depressors					
Torch					
In-date medicines for medical emergencies (see following list)					

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Your practice must have:

- an up-to-date logbook that lists the emergency drug stocks in a doctor's bag
- a system for checking expiry dates and replacing expired drugs

Suggested emergency medicines	Expiry date (if applicable)	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by
Adrenaline					
Atropine sulphate					
Benztropine mesylate					
Benzympenicillin					
Cephalosporin antibiotic					
Chlorpromazine/ haloperidol					
Clonazepam					
Dexamethasone sodium phosphate/ hydrocortisone sodium succinate					
Diazepam					
Frusemide					
Glucose 50% and/or glucagon					
Glyceryl trinitrate spray/tablets					
Hyoscine butylbromide					
Lignocaine					
Methoxyflurane					
Metoclopramide hydrochloride/ prochlorperazine					

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Midazolam					
Morphine sulphate/appropriate analgesic agent					
Naloxone hydrochloride					
Oxytocin					
Phytomenadione					
Promethazine hydrochloride					
Salbutamol aerosol					
Tramadol					

Possible inclusions (not itemised in the RACGP Standards)	Expiry date (if applicable)	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by	Date/Checked by
Cannulas					
IV bungs					
Tourniquet					
Butterfly needles					
Alcohol swabs					
Urinalysis sticks					
Specimen containers					
IV fluids (including giving set)					
Peak flow meter					
Bandages, tape and other dressings					
MIMS					

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Pathology and radiology request forms					
Medical certificates					
Useful telephone numbers – hospitals and health hotlines					
Other medicines such as starter packs for antibiotics and analgesics					
S8 record book (if S8s are stored/carried)					

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