

# R16: Access to internationally controlled medications

## Purpose for collecting these data:

This module aims at collecting information, of mostly a qualitative nature, which can assist in assessing the availability of internationally controlled medications for medical and scientific purposes, and main trends in this regard.

Items	Type	Description	Response options	Definitions / Specific instructions	Disaggregation	Metadata	Justification
Trends and new developments on availability of internationally controlled medications	I	Trends in the amounts of internationally controlled medications available	Large increase, Some increase, Stable, Some decrease, Large decrease, Unknown	Glossary	<i>Setting:</i> hospitals, pharmacies, other (specify) <i>Drug type:</i> - Narcotic drugs: Codeine, Fentanyl, Morphine, Oxycodine, Pethidine, Other (specify) - Psychotropic substances - Other internationally controlled medications (specify)	Information on the procedure used for the qualitative assessment: specify number of experts, affiliation, method (e.g. Delphi).  Primary sources used for the qualitative assessment: • national data (specify collection method) • periodic government report (link) • specific study (link) • expert assessment other (specify)  Geographical coverage: national / sub-national, specify	<b>UNGASS:</b> 2.a, 2.b, 2.c, 2.d, 2.f, 2.g  <b>EGW:</b> Participants suggested that UNODC, INCB and WHO coordinate to assess the needs for reporting on access to pain medication, whether these needs are currently met, and, if not, whether the ARQ could be a mechanism to ensure additional data collection
		Ranking in terms of shortage of availability	1,2,3,..., no shortage				
		Major changes in total amounts of internationally controlled medications available (e.g., specific types of internationally controlled medications for which there were changes).	Free text				
		Main challenges that prevent accessibility of internationally controlled medications	Policies and regulations, Lack of capacity of staff, Affordability, market shortage, shortage of accessibility to prescriptions, reluctance of pharmacies to carry stocks, issues related to infrastructure (e.g., access to hospitals, specify), other (specify)				

<b>Information on the data collection mechanism in relation to access to internationally controlled medications</b>	I	Availability of a mechanism for the collection of data related to access to internationally controlled medications	Yes, no, unknown	Glossary	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
		Main sources of data for monitoring accessibility and availability of internationally controlled medications	Data from pharmacies, data from hospitals, household surveys, other (specify)			
		Coordinating institution. Institutions involved in the collection of relevant data. Description of the system / mechanism.	Coordinating Institution: Health related, Law Enforcement related, other (specify). Free text			
		Availability of estimates of consumption of internationally controlled medications for international reporting. Methods used for such estimation.	Yes, no, unknown Methods: Repetition of historical data, based on population figures, based on data from the health care system.			
<b>Restrictions to access to internationally controlled medications</b>	I	Main 3 restrictions on the access of the population to internationally controlled medications	Free text	Glossary	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
		Professionals allowed to legally write prescriptions for internationally controlled medications	Physicians, Pharmacists, Nurse practitioners, others (specify)			
		Proportion of physicians that are licensed to write prescriptions for internationally controlled medications. Provide details on how physicians can obtain these licenses (if applicable).	Statistical data Free text			
		Restrictions in terms of the dosage that can be included in the prescriptions (e.g., period that it covers in practice).	Free text			

		Existence of a parallel market where the population have access to internationally controlled substances for medical purposes. Description of such market (e.g., location, accessibility).	Free text				
<b>Availability of studies / research / surveys</b>	III	Link to any studies, reports, or other research on the situation regarding access to internationally controlled medications in your country in the last 5 years	Provide link		<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	