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Introduction

This procedure provides definitive guidance on what actions are necessary if our drug cassettes are exposed to temperatures greater than 25°centigrade (25°c) in the cars.

Background to Procedure

Drug licences of drugs in our cassettes stipulate that they need to be stored at 25°c or lower. In order for us to ensure that the drugs in the cassettes remain viable, it is essential that we monitor the temperature of the car in which they are stored. If the drugs are exposed to greater than 25°c then they will not be viable for clinical use.

Procedure

The driver of the car is responsible for checking and recording the temperature of the car, to ensure that we do not administer drugs which have been exposed to temperatures exceeding 25°c.

- There is a thermometer in the boot of each of our cars.
- The temperature is to be recorded on the driver's checklist during the shift.
- In the event of any suspicion of variable temperatures in the car, the driver may check the temperature and record it again on the checklist.
- If the driver is concerned that the outside temperature is rising as evident on the vehicle dashboard temperature recording or the boot recording is found to be in the range 22°c - 24°c the drugs cassette should be relocated to the interior of the air-conditioned vehicle and stored safely in the rear foot-well.
- If the temperature is found to be greater than 25°c, the temperature inside the drug cassette should be checked and if above 25°c the drug cassette must be red sealed, returned to Glover Street and replacement drug cassettes collected.
- The team leader must be informed of any removal of red sealed cassettes and this must be entered onto the shift report.
- The medicines and prescriptions assistant must be emailed by the duty team leader to arrange the usual replenishment of drug cassette.