

# Sativex Supply Information for Patients



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## What is Sativex?

Sativex is a cannabis-based product classified as a Schedule 2, Part 1 (Class B1) controlled drug product under the Misuse of Drug Act 1975. Sativex is an oromucosal (mouth) spray administering a metered, actuated dose containing the cannabis extracts delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) (2.7 mg/spray) and cannabidiol (CBD) (2.5 mg/spray).

## How do I store Sativex?

Sativex needs to be stored between 2°C and 8°C which means that it needs to be refrigerated.

Pharmacies will not be able to store stock of Sativex for you within the pharmacy, and will only be able to order stock when you have provided a valid prescription. Thus careful liaison between you, your doctor, and your pharmacy will need to be maintained to ensure uninterrupted supply of medication.

## Is Sativex funded?

Sativex is not funded by PHARMAC. Your pharmacy will be able to advise you of the costs associated with your prescription for Sativex.

## Questions

Should you have any questions relating to Sativex please discuss these with your pharmacist.