

Registered Nurse(Nurse Practitioner) Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Substances

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Purpose:

To specify the requirements required to prescribe controlled drugs and substances including buprenorphine, methadone or diacetylmorphine.

Policy:

Requirements for RN(NP)s to prescribe controlled drugs and substances, (not including buprenorphine for opioid dependence, methadone or diacetylmorphine)

- 1) RN(NP)s are required to review the Manitoba Prescribing Practices Program (M3P) presentation and correctly answer 100% of the M3P post-test questions.
- 2) RN(NP)s who have completed education which does not include current competencies for prescribing controlled drugs and substances are required to correctly answer 100% of the M3P post-test questions as well as submit a certificate of successful completion of a course of instruction approved by the Council (i.e. prescribing narcotics and controlled substances course, primary health care nurse practitioner program, School of Nursing University of Ottawa; controlled drugs and substances: essential management and prescribing practices course, University of Toronto; or controlled drugs and substances course, Athabasca University).
- 3) RN(NP)s who have not completed these requirements will have a condition placed on their certificate of practice prohibiting them from prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
- 4) To have this condition removed, the RN(NP) must successfully complete 1. and 2. above.

Requirements for RN(NP)s to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid dependence

- 5) RN(NP)s must successfully complete 1. and 2. above.
- 6) RN(NP)s must not have a condition on their certificate of practice prohibiting them from prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
- 7) RN(NP)s must submit a certificate of successful completion of a course of instruction in the competencies necessary for prescribing buprenorphine (e.g. Alberta Opioid Dependency Treatment (ODT) Virtual Training Program; Centre for Addiction Medicine Buprenorphine-Assisted Treatment of Opioid Dependence; Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine Buprenorphine Prescribing Course; University of British Columbia, Continuing Professional Development Provincial Opioid Addiction; University of Manitoba Continuing Professional Development Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice) or any other Canadian-based course that other Canadian-based course that has a curriculum that meets the current competencies for prescribing buprenorphine).

Requirements for RN(NP)s to prescribe methadone for opioid use disorder

- 8) RN(NP)s must successfully complete 1. and 2. above.
- 9) RN(NP)s must not have a condition on their certificate of practice prohibiting them from prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
- 10) RN(NP)s must submit a certificate of successful completion of Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice. This course of instruction and concomitant practicum will address the competencies necessary for prescribing methadone for opioid dependence.
- 11) Within the timeframe specified on the notation, RN(NP)s must submit a renewal application specifying education and practice completed to this maintain methadone-prescribing competency.

Requirements for RN(NP)s to prescribe methadone for analgesia

- 12) RN(NP)s must have successfully completed 1. and 2. above.
- 13) RN(NP)s must not have a condition on their certificate of practice prohibiting them from prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
- 14) RN(NP)s must submit a certificate of successful completion of Methadone for Pain in Palliative Care course online: www.methadone4pain.ca.
- 15) Within the timeframe specified on the notation, RN(NP)s must submit a renewal application specifying education and practice completed to maintain this methadone-prescribing competency.

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