Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Substances

RN(NPs) may prescribe any drug listed in Schedule 1 of the Manual for Canada’s National Drug Scheduling System published by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities.

The New Classes of Practitioners Regulations under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act authorizes RN(NPs) to prescribe:

- narcotics,
- controlled drugs,
- benzodiazepines,
- other targeted substances and
- testosterone.

However, this Act precludes RN(NPs) from prescribing:

- all other anabolic steroids,
- opium, and
- coca leaves.

Until the following requirements are met, an RN(NP)’s records in Nurse Check displays the following condition: The member is not authorized to prescribe controlled substances pending completion of the education requirements.

To remove this condition, you must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Review the Manitoba Prescribing Practices Program (M3P) presentation.
   - Request the presentation password by emailing practice@crnm.mb.ca with your full name and registration number.

2. If you have not graduated from either:
   - the University of Manitoba Masters of Nursing Nurse Practitioner stream since the 2016, or
   - Another graduate level Nurse Practitioner program that contains the current competencies for prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
   - you must also submit to Pam Plouffe by email: pplouffe@crnm.mb.ca or fax: 204-775-7117, evidence of completion of one of the following:
   - University of Ottawa Prescribing Narcotics and Controlled Substances Course
   - University of Toronto Controlled Drugs and Substances: Essential Management and Prescribing Practices
   - Athabasca University Controlled Drugs and Substances for NP Providers

You will receive an email upon removal of conditions, authorizing you to prescribe controlled drugs and substances.

Prescribing Methadone

To prescribe methadone for analgesia, you must fulfill additional requirements:

1. Complete the Methadone for Pain in Palliative Care course online: www.methadone4pain.ca
2. Complete the Methadone Renewal Application and
To prescribe methadone for opioid use disorder, you must fulfill additional requirements:

1. Complete Part A of the [Methadone Prescribing for Opioid Use Disorder Application form](mailto:practice@crnm.mb.ca) and submit it to practice@crnm.mb.ca

2. Attend the theoretical training course: Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice and complete all assigned readings. Check the University of Manitoba Rady Faculty of Health Sciences [Continuing Professional Development](http://www.continuinghealthcare.mb.ca) for course availability and registration.

3. Attend a minimum of four half-days of clinical training shadowing an experienced methadone provider. Contact information for approved supervising prescribers is provided at the theoretical training session.

4. Complete Part B of the [Methadone Prescribing for Opioid Use Disorder Application form](mailto:practice@crnm.mb.ca) and submit it to practice@crnm.mb.ca

You will receive an email confirming that you have received a methadone prescribing exemption for analgesia.

To renew your exemption to prescribe methadone, you must fulfill additional requirements before the expiry of your methadone prescribing exemption:

1. Complete the [Methadone Renewal Application](mailto:practice@crnm.mb.ca) and submit it to practice@crnm.mb.ca

You will receive an email confirming that you have received a methadone prescribing exemption for opioid dependence.

### Prescribing Buprenorphine

Buprenorphine prescribing for opioid dependence treatment requires additional authorization from the College.

To prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder, you must fulfill additional requirements:

1. Complete one of the following:
   a. Centre for Addiction and Mental Health [Buprenorphine-Assisted Treatment of Opioid Dependence](http://www.camh.ca)
   b. Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine [Buprenorphine Prescribing Course](http://www.csam.ca)
   c. University of Manitoba Continuing Professional Development Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice. Check the University of Manitoba Rady Faculty of Health Sciences [Continuing Professional Development](http://www.continuinghealthcare.mb.ca) for course availability and registration.

2. Email your certificate of completion to practice@crnm.mb.ca

You will receive an email confirming your buprenorphine prescribing privileges.

### Report Lost/Stolen M3P Prescription Pads

To report a lost or stolen M3P prescription pad, email the