



College of
Registered Nurses
of Manitoba

Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Substances

Registered nurse (nurse practitioner)s or RN(NP)s 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(NP)s to prescribe:

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

However, this Act precludes RN(NP)s from prescribing:

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

All RN(NP) records in Nurse Check display 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.

- Watch the [M3P presentation](#).
 - Complete the [post-test](#) and click Submit.
2. If you have not graduated from the University of Manitoba Masters of Nursing Nurse Practitioner stream since fall 2016, you must also complete either the [University of Ottawa Prescribing Narcotics and Controlled Substances Course](#), the [University of Toronto Controlled Drugs and Substances: Essential Management and Prescribing Practices Course](#), or the [Athabasca University Controlled Drugs and Substances Course](#).
 - Submit your course completion certificate to Pam Plouffe by email: pplouffe@crnm.mb.ca or fax: 204-775-7117.

You will receive an email when the conditions are removed from your practice, 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 for Analgesia Application form](#) 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 prescribe methadone for opioid use disorder, you must fulfill additional requirements:

1. Complete the [Methadone Prescribing for Opioid Use Disorder Training Application form](#) and submit it to practice@crnm.mb.ca.
2. Attend the theoretical training course: Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice. To register, contact Marina Reinecke: 204-294-2162 or marinajoel@mymts.net. A registration fee applies.
 - a. Read the following before your training:
 - i. [Methadone Maintenance Treatment: Client Handbook REVISED](#)
 - ii. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's [Methadone Program Standards and Guidelines](#)
 - iii. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba's [Manitoba Methadone & Buprenorphine Maintenance: Recommended Practice](#)
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 the [Methadone Prescribing for Opioid Use Disorder Application for Recommendation of a Methadone Prescribing Exemption form](#) 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 requires additional authorization from the College before filling RN(NP) these prescriptions for opioid dependence treatment.

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](#)
 - b. [Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine Buprenorphine Prescribing Course](#)
 - c. [University of Manitoba Continuing Professional Development Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice](#)
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 College of Pharmacists of Manitoba at mppp@mpha.mb.ca.

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