



College of
Registered Nurses
of Manitoba

Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Substances

The [College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba General Regulation, M.R. 114/2017 \(gov.mb.ca\)](#), allows for Nurse Practitioners (NPs) to prescribe any drug listed in Schedule 1 of the Manual for Canada's National Drug Scheduling Systems published by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities as amended from time to time, subject to the restrictions set out in the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* and the regulations under that Act. Manitoba legislation provides for changes to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* and regulations without requiring further changes to Manitoba legislation.

The [New Classes of Practitioner Regulations](#) and [subsection 56\(1\) class exemptions](#) under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* authorizes NPs to prescribe:

- narcotics,
- controlled drugs,
- benzodiazepines,
- anabolic steroids,
- other targeted substances.

However, this Act precludes NPs from prescribing opium and cocoa leaves.

Prescriber Number Contact Information

Once you are registered as a Nurse Practitioner (NP), you must obtain your prescriber number ("N" Number) before completing any prescriptions. To request your prescriber number, please contact:

MB Health Practitioner Registry

Email: practitionerregistry@gov.mb.ca

Phone: 204-788-2567

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Until the following requirements are met, an NP's records in Nurse Check display the following condition: *The registrant is not authorized to prescribe controlled substances pending completion of the education requirements.*

For an NP to remove this condition, fulfill the following two requirements:

1. Review the M3P presentation. This presentation is available in the Alinity Profile of NPs and Graduate Nurse Practitioners (GNP)s.
 - a. Successfully complete the post-test exam, which is also available on the Alinity profile of RN(GNP)s and RN(NP)s.
 - b. Notify the Registration team, registration@crnm.mb.ca in writing with the following:
 - CRNM registration number and full name, and
 - Date of successful completion of the M3P post-test in Alinity.
 - Request to have the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act condition removed from their certificate of practice.
2. Complete one of the following:
 - a. Graduation from University of Manitoba Master of Nursing Nurse Practitioner on or after fall 2016, or
 - b. Another graduate-level Nurse Practitioner program that does contains the current competencies for prescribing controlled drugs and substances.

If the NP or GNP has not graduated from either 2a or 2b, they will need to submit evidence of completion of one of the following to the attention of registration@crnm.mb.ca or fax 204-775-7117:

- a. University of Ottawa [Prescribing Narcotics and Controlled Substances Course](#)
- b. University of Toronto [Controlled Drugs and Substances: Essential Management and Prescribing Practices](#)
- c. Athabasca University [Controlled Drugs and Substances for NP Providers](#).

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

M3P templates are available in the Alinity profile for NPs who do not have a controlled drugs and substances prescribing restriction.

Prescribing Methadone for Analgesia

To prescribe methadone for analgesia, the NP must fulfill additional requirements:

1. Complete the [Methadone for Pain in Palliative Care course](#) online.
2. Complete the [Methadone for Analgesia Application](#) and submit it to practice@crnm.mb.ca

The NP will receive an email confirming they have received a methadone prescribing authorization for analgesia.

Prescribing Methadone for Opioid Use Disorder

To prescribe methadone for opioid use disorder, the NP must fulfill additional requirements:

1. Complete the [British Columbia Centre for Substance Use – Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program Online Course](#).
2. Attend a minimum of four half-days of clinical training shadowing an experienced methadone provider. Request the contact information for approved supervising prescribers from practice@crnm.mb.ca.
3. Complete the [Methadone Prescribing for Opioid Use Disorder Application form](#) and submit it to practice@crnm.mb.ca.

For more information please contact our quality practice team at:

practice@crnm.mb.ca

204-774-3477

800-665-2027 (Manitoba toll-free)

The NP will receive an email confirming they have received a methadone prescribing authorization for opioid dependence.

Renewal of Methadone Prescribing for Opioid Use Disorder or Analgesia

For an NP to renew their exemption to prescribe methadone, they must fulfill additional requirements before the expiry of their methadone prescribing exemption:

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

Prescribing Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder

Buprenorphine prescribing for opioid use disorder requires additional authorization from the College.

For an NP to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder, they must fulfill additional requirements:

1. Complete one of the following:
 - a. Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine [Buprenorphine Prescribing Course](#), or
 - b. [Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program](#) - British Columbia Centre for Substance Use.
2. Complete the [Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder Application form](#) and submit it with your certificate of completion to practice@crnm.mb.ca.

The NP will receive an email confirming their buprenorphine prescribing authority.

Prescribing Buprenorphine for Analgesia

Buprenorphine prescribing for analgesia does not require additional authorization from the College. It does require that the NP does not have a restriction to prescribe controlled drugs and substances.

Reference

CRNM (2025). [AA-22 Nurse Practitioner \(NP\) Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Substances](#).

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