



Canberra Health Services

Policy

Opioid Maintenance Treatment in the ACT: Local Policies and Procedures.

Purpose

The current regulatory framework for the delivery of opioid maintenance treatment is supported by the National Guidelines for Medication-Assisted Treatment of Opioid Dependence (2014) (National Guidelines) as notified under the Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008.

This document aims to provide local information and procedures for opioid maintenance treatment in the ACT to complement the National Guidelines. This document recognises stakeholders with key roles in the delivery of opioid maintenance treatment in the ACT. It is a local operational document that supports the implementation of the National Guidelines and provides local service information for providers and consumers.

Scope

This document has been produced by Canberra Health Services (CHS) to assist employees and other practitioners including medical and nurse practitioners, pharmacists, alcohol and other drug workers, nurses and health professionals working in community settings, hospitals, mental health services, detention environments and the police watch house.

All practitioners involved in the delivery of opioid maintenance treatment in the ACT must comply with the National Guidelines. Compliance with the National Guidelines are standard conditions placed upon prescriber endorsements to treat drug dependency, approvals to prescribe a controlled medicine and opioid dependency treatment centre licences issued under the Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008.

Whilst compliance with this document is not mandatory, health practitioners involved in the delivery of opioid maintenance treatment services should endeavour to comply with this document wherever possible.

Which area in ACT Health can I contact for more information?

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