



METHADONE PRESCRIBING

Physicians authorized to prescribe Methadone in the management of opioid dependence (addiction) are required to:

1. Be a member of a multidisciplinary treatment team that offers medical and psycho-social assessment; and
2. Have locally available ongoing counseling and after care; and
3. Have adequate provision for appropriate Methadone dispensing, administration, and urine drug testing according to the Health Canada guidelines and the Saskatchewan Protocol for the treatment of opiate addiction with Methadone; and
4. Be a member of the Canadian Society for Addiction Medicine or the American Society for Addiction Medicine; and
5. Agree in writing to an audit of their Methadone Practice by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan; and
6. Attend a one-day Methadone workshop for physicians approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan; and
7. Work under the preceptorship of a Methadone prescriber in Saskatchewan for two days prior to seeing patients in their own practice.

Policy Added by Council:

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