



Opioid Use Disorder: Resource Guide for Practitioners

Referral and Consultation Resources

▶ **RACE Line: raceconnect.ca** ☎ **1-877-696-2131**

The provincial RACE line provides specialist Addiction Medicine consultation to physicians and nurse practitioners. Available Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Calls not answered immediately are returned within 2 hours. There is also a free RACE line app for smartphone or desktop.

▶ **Opioid Agonist Treatment Clinics Accepting New Patients: bccsu.ca**

Harm Reduction

▶ **Toward the Heart: Information for Health Professionals: towardtheheart.com**

Frequently updated with information sheets and resources including overdose first responder instructions, naloxone in pregnancy, naloxone in children, guidelines to using non-stigmatizing language, and fentanyl-induced muscle rigidity.

▶ **Naloxone training for online and mobile devices: naloxonetraining.com**

Interactive web training for people who are likely to experience or witness an opioid overdose.

BC Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU)

The BCCSU (bccsu.ca) has a mandate to develop and implement care guidance, research, education and training to support treatment of substance use disorders. The BCCSU has developed many practice support resources and handouts

- [Buprenorphine/Naloxone: Did you know?](#)
- [Buprenorphine/Naloxone: FAQ](#)

▶ **Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program and online course**

- To be eligible to prescribe methadone, BC practitioners are required to complete education and training via the [Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program](#), available at bccsu.ca
- BCCSU (in partnership with UBC CPD) developed an online learning platform paired with an in-person preceptorship.
- The free, online course also includes buprenorphine/naloxone training for prescribers. The modules on buprenorphine/naloxone allow a new prescriber to quickly get up to speed.
- Certified for MainPro+ and MOC credits of up to 8 hours.
- Helpful [resources](#) are featured including screening tools, clinics accepting new patients and preceptor workbooks that include patient cases and prescription examples.

▶ **Online Addiction Medicine Diploma**

Free online diploma program developed by the BCCSU that provides a broad overview of substance use disorders and care including stimulant, alcohol, tobacco, and opioid use disorder. Certified by UBC CPD for up to 16.0 MainPro+ credits.

Provincial Academic Detailing (PAD) sessions on buprenorphine/naloxone

The [Provincial Academic Detailing](#) service offers individual 30-60 min webinar-based teaching sessions on buprenorphine/naloxone at a time that is convenient for you. The sessions were developed in collaboration with the BC Centre on Substance Use and include an opportunity to get answers to your questions.

- Email pad@gov.bc.ca or phone (604) 660-0382 to schedule an individual PAD session

Pharmanet

▶ **Community Health Practice Access to Pharmanet (ComPAP)**

Information for community health practitioners on how to register for PharmaNet access. Each practitioner must be individually registered.

College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC)

▶ **Nurse Practitioner Scope: Buprenorphine-Naloxone: crnbc.ca**

As of Feb. 14, 2018, prescribing opioid agonist treatment for opioid use disorder is within the scope of nurse practitioners (NPs). NPs who will prescribe initial and continued opioid-agonist treatment are required to complete the [Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program](#) provided by the BCCSU, and a preceptorship that meets its requirements.

College of Pharmacists of BC

▶ **Professional Practice Policy-66: Opioid Agonist Treatment: bcpharmacists.org**

Sets out requirements for dispensing buprenorphine/naloxone including daily dispense prescriptions, patient and clinical staff education, prescription requirements, witnessed ingestion, contraindications, take home dosing, missed doses and documentation.

Additional Resources

▶ **Suboxone CME: suboxonecme.ca**

▶ **Patients Helping Patients Understand Opioid Substitution Therapy**

A guidebook developed by BC patients. It addresses many of the common questions that patients have upon starting opioid agonist treatment.

▶ **Coverage for Naloxone under First Nations Health Benefits: fnha.ca**

Prescriptions are no longer required for naloxone including kits with ancillary supplies. First Nations Health Benefits now accepts claims for naloxone when recommended by a pharmacist and accepts prescriptions for naloxone from physicians or nurse practitioners.

▶ **BC Government Overdose Prevention and Response: stopoverdosebc.ca**

What to do if you suspect an overdose, and ways to prevent or reduce the chance of overdose. Information on the BC Government's response to the opioid crisis.

▶ **Opioid Agonist Treatment Poster**

Created by Fraser Health and Interior Health. Can be displayed in clinics and health care facilities.

▶ **MindHealth BC: mindhealthbc.ca/professionals**

Includes a screening quiz that your patients can complete and bring back to you. Their printout will include a dated and scored PHQ-9, GAD-2, and modified FAST Alcohol and Substance Use screening, along with scores from other screening tools for panic disorder, social anxiety, OCD, PTSD, bipolar disorder, and psychosis.

▶ **Mental Health First Aid: mentalhealthfirstaid.ca**

In-person training course that teaches how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or in crisis. Signs/symptoms and risk factors for common mental health concerns, and crisis first aid for specific situations including overdose. Recommended for all members of the public, people at risk and their families, and front-line service providers.