



De-mystifying Opioid Replacement Therapy

For GPs and practice nurses

QUM Educational Visiting Program 2019

Did you know?

- Deaths from pharmaceutical drug overdose exceed the Road Toll¹
- Pharmaceutical drugs were involved in 372 drug deaths in 2016²
- Overdose deaths from prescription opioids exceed deaths from illegal drugs²
- Oxycodone is the 4th leading drug prescribed in general practice³
- There are changes to regulations for treating opioid addiction

All GPs can prescribe buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone®) for up to 5 patients. Case load is contained by the limit on patient numbers. This program discusses the who, what, why and how.

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2. Coroners Court of Victoria; 3. Britt H, Miller GC, Henderson J, et al, General practice activity in Australia 2013-14. General practice series no. 36. Sydney: Sydney University Press, 2014.

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Learning Outcomes:

- Overview of Opioid Replacement Therapy
- Available Opioid Replacement Therapy agents
- Changes in the regulations governing buprenorphine / naloxone therapy
- Availability of expert support / mentoring GPs
- Information on clinical handover in the absence of patient's usual prescriber

Event Details

Date/Time: Scheduled at your convenience, before, during and after office hours
Individual sessions 20-30 minutes
Small Group meeting 45-60 minutes

Venue: At your practice

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