

***Did you know:***

* ***Deaths from pharmaceutical drug overdose exceed the Road Toll1?***
* ***Opioid analgesics were involved in 186 drug deaths in 20142?***
* ***Overdose deaths from prescription opioids exceed death 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.***

**FOCUS**

**Presented by:**

Christine Bellamy, Consultant Pharmacist

**Date/Time:** Ongoing QUM visiting program scheduled at your convenience

**Venue:** Your practice

*Individual and small group meetings available: before, during and after office hours*

QUM Program Coordinator

**Learning Outcomes:**

* Overview of Opioid Replacement Therapy
* Available Opioid Replacement Therapy agents
* Changes in the regulations governing buprenorphine / naxolone therapy



* Availablility of expert support / mentoring for GPs
* Information on clinical handover in the absence  
  of patient’s usual prescriber

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**REGISTRATION**

**Name:**

**Practice: Phone:**

**Preferred day:**  **Time:**

**Visit Type** *(please circle)***:** Individual 20-30 mins / Small Group Meeting with colleagues 45-60 mins

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