



De-mystifying Opioid Replacement Therapy

For GPs and practice nurses

QUM Educational Visiting Program 2020

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 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.

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.

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



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Event Details

Date/Time: Scheduled at your convenience, before, during and after office hours

Venue: Your practice

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Preferred day: _____ **Time:** _____

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

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