



22 September 2016

# Revised Policy for Maintenance Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Dependence Special Interest Network (SpIN) Meeting Area 4 Pharmacotherapy Network

For General Practitioners, pharmacists, nurses and other AOD sector staff

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## Key Message

The revised *Policy for Maintenance Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Dependence* will take effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

Pharmacotherapy providers are encouraged to read the revised policy and understand that the tightened guidelines deliver stronger, clearer, safer and additional advice on the provision of pharmacotherapies throughout Victoria. The revised policy reiterates that unsupervised take-away pharmacotherapy doses are highly dangerous and should be restricted to very stable and continuous dosing clients who genuinely need them.

## Learning outcomes

A detailed discussion will take place on the following revised resources:

- Checklist for assessing appropriateness of take-away doses
- Patient agreement form: methadone take-away doses
- Patient agreement form: buprenorphine take-away doses
- Starting methadone or buprenorphine information sheet
- Methadone treatment in Victoria User Information Booklet

*This activity has been approved by the RACGP QI&CPD Program in the 2014 - 16 triennium. 4 Category 2 points – (Activity: 62817)*

## Event Details

Date: Thursday, 22 September 2016

Venue: Whitehorse Centre  
379-397 Whitehorse Rd  
Nunawading  
(Located at the rear of the Whitehorse City Council's Civic Centre, Melway Ref 48 G9)

Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm  
Registration & refreshments from 6.30pm

*Please advise any special dietary requirements*

Parking: Free parking in front of Whitehorse Centre

RSVP: Monday 19 September 2016

Registration: To register [CLICK HERE](#)

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