

Upcoming

Part 1 & 2 face-to-face training

Date: Sunday 25 June
Venue: Werribee Mercy Hospital
300-310 Princes Hwy, Werribee VIC 3030

Date: Sunday 2 July
Venue: Latrobe Regional Hospital
Princes Highway, Traralgon West 3844

Part 2 live webinar training

Thursday 22 June
Monday 14 August
Monday 16 October

Access to Part 1 online module and to register for the above events please use the link below:

<http://www.psa.org.au/branch-events/vic-continuing-professional-development-calendar>

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<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/factsheets/information-on-victorian-pharmacotherapy-area-based-networks>

Victorian Pharmacy Pharmacotherapy Training Program (VPPTP)

The aim of this training is to provide pharmacists and pharmacy support staff with the relevant knowledge, skills and tools required to deliver a safe and consumer focused Opioid Replacement Therapy service.

This is a Victorian State Government funded program and is FREE to all pharmacists in Victoria.

VPPTP Part 1 training

This education covers the basics of harm minimisation and opioid replacement programs including all technical, professional and legal requirements. It is delivered as both an online module and a face-to-face session.

Learning objectives:

- Understand the nature of dependence, background of opioid replacement programs and objectives of opioid replacement programs
- Identify key aspects of methadone and buprenorphine therapy (including available formulations, dosage, safety & tolerability, drug interactions and use in pregnancy & breastfeeding)
- Recognise the legal responsibilities and roles of the pharmacist in relation to opioid replacement programs
- Dispense and administer medicines for opioid replacement legally, ethically and accurately
- Know when to refuse dosing and identify the signs and symptoms of intoxication
- Know how to manage missed doses and take-away doses
- Describe labelling requirements for take-away doses
- Understand the role of the pharmacist in opioid replacement programs
- Recognise key factors associated with the administration & practical management of an opioid replacement program (commencing new patients, record keeping and dispensing fees etc.)
- Identify suitable patient agreements and recording forms that can be used to best manage an opioid replacement program.
- Identify state/territory guidelines and legal requirements (in addition to national clinical guidelines) that cover opioid replacement programs

VPPTP Part 2 training

Part 2 is a case scenario based workshop in which the concepts learned from Part 1 are reinforced through real life scenarios and group discussions led by the workshop facilitator. It is delivered as both an interactive live webinar and a face-to-face workshop.

Learning objectives:

- Effectively communicate with the customer, prescriber and any others involved in the treatment and management team.
- Apply knowledge of legal responsibilities of the pharmacist and practical management skills for opioid substitution programs to real life scenarios

