

Important 2019 dates

Part 1 & 2 face-to-face training

Date: Sunday 3 March
Location: Parkville

Date: Sunday 15 September
Location: Bundoora

Date: Sunday 24 November
Location: Warrnambool

Part 2 live webinar training

Tuesday 12 February
Wednesday 3 April
Wednesday 5 June
Tuesday 23 July
Wednesday 28 August
Tuesday 22 October

Please use the link below to learn more about the program and register to any of the above sessions including the Part 1 online modules:

<https://www.psa.org.au/victorian-opioid-pharmacotherapy-program/>

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Victorian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program For pharmacists and pharmacy staff

The aim of this training is to provide pharmacists and pharmacy support staff with the relevant knowledge, skills and tools required to identify those who would benefit from pharmacotherapy, engage in a discussion of the benefits of the program in a non-stigmatising manner and deliver a safe and consumer focused Opioid Replacement Therapy service in their pharmacy. This is a Victorian State Government funded program and is **FREE** to all pharmacists and pharmacy staff in Victoria.

VOPP Part 1 training

This course is comprised of 4 modules delivered as an online self-directed program and in face-to-face sessions.

Topics covered:

Module 1:

Statistics on opioid replacement therapy programs, management options, treatment objectives, domains of harm minimisation, substance use disorder, opioid use disorder, opioid withdrawal and opioid intoxication

Module 2:

Formulations, dose ranges, safety and tolerability profiles, switching therapies, drug interactions, pregnancy and lactation and duration of treatment

Module 3:

Storage, dispensing, administration, commencing patients, legal prescription requirements, permits, dosing regimens, missed doses, take-away doses and labelling requirements

Module 4:

Dosing errors, vomited doses, intoxicated patients, diversion, use of other medication substance controlled medication, service payment, record keeping, contacting prescriber, role of the pharmacist, resources and contacts.

VOPP 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.

Topics covered:

De-escalation, de-stigmatisation, SafeSript and ORT program referral, administration and practical management of an opioid replacement program, key aspects of methadone and suboxone/subutex therapy, management of missed doses, split-doses, take away doses, vomited doses, diversion and errors, identification and management of overdose and withdrawal, managing difficult patients, codeine related issues and the use of naloxone.

