

Resources for Pharmacists in Opioid Treatment

[NSW Health](#) recently launched a resources pack to support Pharmacists involved in the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). The NSW OTP provides patients with access to treatment for opioid dependency, with a focus on improving patients' health, wellbeing and engagement with their families and community. The role of community pharmacists is vital, and these resources are available to support you to deliver a high quality and safe program.

Guidance and Manuals

[Community Pharmacy Dosing Point Protocol](#) to follow when supplying methadone and buprenorphine

[The Pharmacy Guild of Australia OTP Resource Manual](#) to assist in the practical aspects of providing OTP

[Self-Audit for Community Pharmacies](#) to help improve the quality of the OTP services you provide

[Guide to writing OTP prescriptions](#) to support discussions with prescribers about non-compliant scripts

[ePrescription Factsheet](#) for info on dispensing ePrescriptions for the OTP

[NSW Clinical Guidelines: Treatment of Opioid Dependence](#) to provide clinical guidance and policy direction for opioid agonist treatment in NSW

[NSW Health Guidelines for Pharmacies Supplying OTP for patients in self-isolation from Covid-19](#)

Education and Training

Driving Safety [online training course, factsheet and example template](#) for info on managing driving safely for at risk clients

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia [Prescription Medicine Safety online modules](#) for info on managing risk and constructive conversations

[The Pharmacy Guild of Australia recorded webinars](#) and [OTP Audit Case Study](#)

The University of Sydney Discipline of Addiction Medicine's [Opioid Treatment Education for Health Professionals in NSW](#) for online educational courses for those providing OTP

[Mental Health First Aid Courses](#) for guidance on communications, especially when interacting with patients who have a history of drug misuse and/or mental health conditions

Useful contacts

[Pharmaceutical Regulatory Unit \(PRU\)](#) NSW Ministry of Health information about legislation, regulations and inspections

[The Pharmacy Guild of Australia](#) Professional resources, advice about the OTP and info about the pharmacy incentive scheme

[PSA Pharmacist Advice Line](#) Professional advice, restricted to PSA members

[Pharmacist Support Service \(PSS\)](#) Peer support line for pharmacists

[Alcohol and other drug services in your Local Health District](#) for contact info, support, and treatment services