

# PMP BULLETIN

NOVA SCOTIA PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

## Announcement: Change in Methadone PIN/DIN & Quantity Submitted

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The Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring program is required to maintain the integrity of the data that is collected to be analysed from pharmacies in Nova Scotia. In an effort to ease the confusion surrounding the PIN/DINs of Methadone Compounded solution(s), we have worked with the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs and will now require the appropriate PIN/DIN according to the product used to prepare the methadone solution (the commercially available product vs. methadone powder compounded into a solution). The quantity dispensed will now be required to be submitted in **mg**. Therefore, the old PINs for PMP are no longer required. Submission should no longer be accepted with the number of mL **after July 14, 2008**.

It is recommended that prescriptions with part fills remaining would be continued to be filled as it was done previously; but new prescriptions would be started with the new requirements as they are received in an effort to have the majority of prescriptions switched over by July 14, 2008.

When dispensing methadone compounds with/without Tang or diluent:

- Identify and enter the PIN/DIN below that corresponds with the suspension being made with either the methadone powder or with Metadol O/L.
- Enter the quantity dispensed in mg.
- Enter the number of day's supply being dispensed.

For example: A triplicate prescription is presented for methadone 2240mg to be dispensed as 80mg OD in Tang for pain for 28 days.

Daily	Weekly
Metadol 10mg/ml OL: DIN 02241377*	Metadol 10mg/ml OL: DIN 02241377*
Metadol 1mg/ml OL: DIN 02247694*	Metadol 1mg/ml OL: DIN 02247694*
Methadone powder: PIN 00999734*	Methadone powder: PIN 00999734*
Quantity Dispensed: 80mg	Quantity Dispensed: 560mg
Days Supply: 1	Days Supply: 7

**\*Use the PIN/DIN that is appropriate to product used to prepare the prescription.**

PIN/DIN	Product	MFR
02241377	Metadol 10mg/ml O/L	PMS
02247694	Metadol 1mg/ml O/L	PMS
00999734	Methadone Powder O/L	Various

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