



Promoting the appropriate use,  
and reducing the abuse and misuse, of monitored drugs in Nova Scotia.

## Important Information for Prescribers and Pharmacists

### The Nova Scotia Drug Information System (DIS) and the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program (NSPMP)

To date approximately thirty pharmacies have transitioned to the Provincial Drug Information System (DIS). Claims for monitored drugs dispensed at a DIS pharmacy are transmitted to the NSPMP via multiple daily data feeds.

For pharmacies that have not transitioned to the DIS, monitored drug claims continue to be transmitted on-line directly to the PMP via POS.

**It is important to note that potential double doctoring messaging (i.e. NE) received by pharmacies at the time of dispensing is based only on claims specific to the system being used by that pharmacy. Therefore, pharmacies who process claims directly to the PMP via POS will only receive this messaging based on claims dispensed at other pharmacies using POS. Pharmacies who transmit claim through the DIS will only receive this messaging based on claims dispensed at other DIS pharmacies.**

The NSPMP strongly recommends that pharmacists utilize the PMP's eAccess service, as part of their regular practice, to review patient profile information **prior** to dispensing. The eAccess web application will have a complete list of monitored drug claims regardless of whether dispensing occurs at a DIS or POS pharmacy.

Checking eAccess prior to dispensing will ensure that situations of potential double doctoring can be identified and appropriate action can be taken before a monitored drug is dispensed.

To register for this service an eAccess Registration and User Agreement form, completed in full, must be faxed to the Program at 902-481-3157. Once forms are received the registration process is completed within one business day. Registered eAccess users will be sent a unique username and temporary password via two separate emails.

eAccess forms are available for download on the NSPMP website at <http://www.nspmp.ca/forms.php> or by calling 902-496-7123 or toll free at 1-877-476-7767.

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eAccess  
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## Atlantic Mentorship Network - Pain & Addiction - The Prescribing Course - Safe Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain

The Prescribing Course – Safe Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain (CNCP) is a course developed by the Atlantic Mentorship Network – Pain & Addiction and is endorsed by:

- The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia
- The College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia
- Dalhousie University Continuing Medical Education
- The Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board

This course is designed to provide assistance to Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Residents, and medical students to manage opioid therapy in patients with CNCP both safely and effectively. Registrants will attend a one day workshop and will receive a “How to” handbook which will provide quick access to detailed information on all aspects of prescribing for CNCP.

Accreditation: College of Family Physicians of Canada: 6.5 MainPro-C, 6.5 MainPro-M1 and 13 CPE credits.

Topics will include:

- ✓ All aspects of opioid prescribing from risk assessment to opioid rotation and tapering
- ✓ Monitoring, including urine drug testing and aberrant behaviors
- ✓ Management of side effects
- ✓ Special topics including:
  - i. The adopted patient
  - ii. Prescriber and pharmacist collaboration
  - iii. Maintaining boundaries
- ✓ A quick reference and a number of tools designed for everyday use

The course is being offered on the following dates:

October 18, 2014 Halifax, NS	November 1, 2014 Sydney, NS	November 22, 2014 St. John's, NL
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For online registration please visit: <http://www.bluesmartieconsulting.com/> or contact Gail Sloane, (902) 402-4784 or by email at [info@bluesmartieconsulting.com](mailto:info@bluesmartieconsulting.com).



## Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Opioid Dependence Treatment (ODT) Core Course

In conjunction with Addiction Services across Nova Scotia, the Center for Addiction and Mental Health ([www.camh.ca](http://www.camh.ca)) will offer its opioid dependence treatment (ODT) core course in Nova Scotia. This course prepares pharmacists, physicians, nurses and counsellors to provide a comprehensive range of services for people with opioid dependence. This course is required by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia to obtain an exemption to prescribe methadone or buprenorphine for opioid dependence in Nova Scotia.

The course consists of five online modules that will be available on October 2, 2014 and a one-day workshop to be held at The Four Points by Sheraton, Halifax, NS on November 2, 2014. Registration closes on October 1, 2014.

The course is approved for the following Mainpro CPD credits from the College of Family Physicians of Canada:

- Up to 22.5 Mainpro-M1 credits for the Opioid Dependence Treatment - Core course
- Up to 6 Mainpro-C credits (and 0 Mainpro-M!) for the one-day workshop

The course is also approved for up to 15.5 Section 1 credits for the online portion of the course from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Additionally, the course is also approved by The Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy for 20.5 CEU's and The Canadian Addiction Counsellors Certification Federation for 20 CEU's.

For more information call Robyn Steidman at (416) 535-8501, extension 6640 or visit [http://www.camh.ca/en/education/about/AZCourses/Pages/odtcore\\_odt.aspx](http://www.camh.ca/en/education/about/AZCourses/Pages/odtcore_odt.aspx)