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

In conjunction with Addiction Services across Nova Scotia, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (www.camh.ca) will offer its opioid dependence treatment (ODT) core course in Nova Scotia. This course prepares pharmacists, physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and clinicians 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 for opioid dependence in Nova Scotia.

The course consists of five modules that will be available on October 22, 2015 and a one-day workshop in Halifax on November 22, 2015. Registration closes on October 21, 2015.

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 (and 0 Mainpro-M1) 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 CEUs and The Canadian Addiction Counsellors Certification Federation for 20 CEUs.

For more information, [visit](#) or call Robyn Steidman at (416) 535-8501, extension 6640.



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The Prescribing Course – Safe Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain

The Atlantic Mentorship Network - Pain & Addiction is offering "The Prescribing Course - Safe Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain (CNCP). The Prescribing Course will consist of:

- A one day workshop covering all aspects of opioid prescribing through small group, interdisciplinary and case-based discussion.
- A user-friendly "How-to" handbook (in both hard copy and electronic formats) providing quick access to detailed information on all aspects of prescribing opioids for CNCP.

Topics will include:

- Opioid prescribing including risk assessment, opioid dosing, opioid rotation and tapering
- Monitoring, including urine drug testing and aberrant behaviors
- Management of side effects
 - Special topics including; the adopted patient, prescriber and pharmacist collaboration and maintaining boundaries
- A quick reference and a number of tools designed for everyday use

Accreditation: This program meets the accreditation of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been approved for 6.5 MainPro-C, 6.5 MainPro-M1 and 13 CPE credits.

Upcoming Course Dates:

- October 3, 2015 - Nova Star Ferry, Yarmouth to Portland Maine
- November 7, 2015 - Amherst, NS TBD

For online registration please visit: <http://www.bluesmartieconsulting.com/> or contact Gail Sloane, (902) 402-4784 or by email at info@bluesmartieconsulting.com.