Transfer of Care Guide – Opioid Treatment Program

This Guide supports the safe transfer of care for people on the opioid treatment program, including regulatory requirements. It is the responsibility of the current authorised prescriber to provide the clinical information required for safe transfer of care. As part of practitioner duty of care, prescribers should ensure all clinical information is available to the receiving team in a timely way.

Practitioners should discuss all treatment options and referral pathways available with clients (including Local Health District clinics and community prescribers) and assist with client transfer of care.

Patient changing

prescribers?

Patient changing

dosing points only?

Clinical information to provide

Once a prescriber has agreed to take over care for your client, the following information should be provided to enable safe transfer of care.

A **summary of treatment** provided, including:

- medication(s) prescribed and/or dispensed
- last dose details
- number of takeaway doses or suitability for takeaway doses
- dosing point contact, if different
- Client goals of treatment, including progress to date.

Other medications prescribed (by ODT prescriber or GP).

Current **concerns and risks** (inc. other substance use, child safety, homelessness, high risk behaviours etc).

Provide contact details in case follow up information is required. Ensure client's contact number is up to date.

Ensure there is enough supply left on the current prescription to allow client to make an appointment with new prescriber. Exit the OTP approval on SafeScript.

Clients must be exited from treatment with one prescriber so that another prescriber can be issued with an authority to prescribe or supply to them

Notify the NSW Ministry of Health of any permanent change to a NSW OTP client's dosing point using Notification of Permanent Change in Dosing Point Form.

Patient support lines: - Opioid Treatment Line 1800 642 428

- NUAA Peer line 1800 644 413

Health professional clinical support: Drug and Alcohol Specialist Advisory Service

(02) 8382 1006 (Sydney Metro) / 1800 023 687 (rural remote NSW)

SafeScript NSW - Online Help

Advice about NSW Health authorities: Contact Pharmaceutical Services

www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/Pages/online-enquiry.aspx

Referral support: Local Health District Alcohol Other Drugs

Local GP referral pathways through your Primary Health Network

Finding a dosing point: Contact the Opioid Treatment Line (1800 642 428)

^{*}Prescribers should promptly arrange for patients to be exited to ensure further treatment is enabled