NSW Health

Changes to Sublocade™ availability in Australia

Information for Patients

Sublocade is a long-acting (monthly) form of buprenorphine used to treat opioid dependence as part of the NSW Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). From 31st December 2026 Sublocade will no longer be available in Australia.

A range of medicines are available for the treatment of opioid dependence, including other long-acting formulations. Your care will continue, and your health care provider will work with you to plan your next steps.

This information explains what this change means and what to do next.

Why will Sublocade no longer be available in Australia after 31st December 2026?

This is a decision made by the drug company, Indivior, for commercial reasons. Sublocade is safe to use and there are no safety concerns or current supply issues regarding Sublocade.

What do I need to do if I am currently prescribed Sublocade?

- Make an appointment with your prescriber as soon as you can.
- Work with your prescriber to consider other suitable options and plan your ongoing care.
- Your health care team know that Sublocade will no longer be available, and they will be able to support you and your treatment.

Is it safe to continue using Sublocade?

Yes, Sublocade is safe to use while you and your healthcare team arrange for alternative options.

Do I need a new prescription for new medication?

You will need a new prescription if you change to a new medication. You will need to see your prescribers just like you regularly do.

What if a new medication doesn't work for me?

If the alternative medication is not working well for you, talk to your prescriber about other treatment options.

Are any other OTP medicines affected?

All other OTP medicines, including buprenorphine formulations and methadone are still available and are safe to use.

Who should I contact if I have questions or need support?

- Contact your prescriber or any member of your treatment team as soon as you can.
- NUAA's Peerline is available Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm. Call on 1800 644 413 or email peerline@nuaa.org.au to connect with a friendly peer.
- The NSW Opioid Treatment line is available 9.30am – 5pm 7 days a week (not public holidays) on 1800 642 428.

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