

Opioid Dependence Treatment Program (ODTP) Reforms

Steps for Community Pharmacists to Prepare for 1 July 2023



In the lead up to 1 July 2023 pharmacists are encouraged to:

Become familiar with the process for transitioning existing prescriptions.

Ensure you have stock to supply patients now and as dispensing arrangements transition to more usual PBS stock purchasing and claiming from 1 July 2023.

Start to annotate calculations for remaining quantity and relevant approval numbers on a photocopy and file with the prescription.

Start to identify patients with electronic prescriptions as they will need paper-based prescriptions for the transition period (or a new electronic script from 1 July 2023).

Let patients know that:

- They can come into your pharmacy from 1 July and their dosing/treatment will continue unchanged.
- You will continue to use their current prescription.
- At their next appointment they will need to get a PBS prescription and may wish to ensure they have an booked an appointment booked for their next review.
- From 1 July they will pay the PBS co-payment and that amount will count towards their Safety Net.

Understand the changes to ODT medicine dispensing arrangements.

For section 90 community pharmacies only: read the ODT Community Pharmacy Program Rules on the [PPA website](#) and start to talk to patients about gaining written patient consent for the new ODT program.

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