

Opioid Use Disorder Practice Support Program

The Primary Health Care and Chronic Disease Management Network at Nova Scotia Health is now offering a practice support program to build competencies among primary care providers and teams for the care of patients living with opioid use disorder. Evidence shows that providing care for opioid use disorder in a primary care setting, similar to other chronic diseases, is safe and effective and can improve patient outcomes. This newly developed program uses a shared learning and quality improvement approach delivered during three, half-day interactive workshop sessions that are interspersed by implementation action periods where learnings are applied in day-to-day practice with coaching support. This program is appropriate for primary care providers and teams in all types of primary care settings.

Program objectives:

- Identifying patients who have opioid use disorder through identification, screening and diagnosis
- Addressing stigma by engaging in patient-centered treatment planning, navigating challenging behaviours and responding to needs of patients
- Management of opioid use disorder, including patient-centered treatment planning, managing withdrawal, safely prescribing buprenorphine/naloxone, implementing systems of monitoring
- Building connections and collaborations, including collaborating with the patient's circle of care, connecting patients with community supports, and connecting with avenues for additional practice supports
- Addressing the primary care needs of patients with opioid use disorder

Upcoming dates:

All sessions will be held virtually.

Learning sessions: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

- *Learning Session 1:* October 28th 2021
- *Learning Session 2:* December 9th, 2021
- *Learning Session 3:* January 20th, 2022

Webinars: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

- *Webinar 1:* November 18th, 2021
- *Webinar 2:* January 6th, 2022
- *Webinar 3:* February 10th, 2022

Continuing Education Credits: This Group Learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Nova Scotia Chapter for up to 15 Mainpro+ credits.

How can I learn more or register? For more information on the Opioid Use Disorder Practice Support Program please email PHCPracticeSupport@nshealth.ca, phone 902-229-4589, or visit us online at PHCQuality.ca. You may register for the program by completing the [Registration Form](#) electronically.

*Note: Before registering, please confirm with your Primary Health Care Manager or Team Lead if you are a Nova Scotia Health primary health care team member.

