Validity of a South Australian prescription for Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence (MATOD)¹ in another State/Territory

This information is for the use of accredited² medical practitioners

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| ACT          | Y                          | Prescription must comply with *Medicines Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act, 2008 (ACT)* and subordinate regulations. There is a requirement for an approval number from the Chief Health Officer. Prior to providing a prescription the accredited medical practitioner should contact the Alcohol & Drug Program to organise transfer and seek PSB approval. Temporary transfer can be up to 4 weeks. 10 business days notice is required to organise arrangements. Pharmacists are bound by ACT Opioid Treatment Guidelines. For transfers over 4 weeks a transfer to an ACT medical practitioner is required. | Alcohol & Drug Program – Ph: 02 62079977 (24hr)  
Opiate Treatment Service Ph: 02 62442591  
Clinic Nurses Ph: 02 62051000 & 62443781 (BH)  
Fx: 02 62444622  
Email: adp.ots@act.gov.au  
PSB ACT Ph: 02 62073974 |
| NSW          | Y                          | Prescription must comply with *NSW Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008 (NSW).* Accredited medical practitioner should contact Pharmaceutical Services Unit to authorise the application. Dosing points will confirm with the prescriber that authorisation has been granted by PSU. The accredited medical practitioner has responsibility to arrange dosing point. Temporary transfers may be up to 4 weeks. For transfers over 4 weeks a | Pharmaceutical Services:  
Ph: 02 9424 5923 (BH)  
Fx: 02 9424 5889 |

¹ The Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence (MATOD) Program is the opioid pharmacotherapy program in South Australia which permits medical practitioners (where an authority is held) to prescribe either methadone liquid or sublingual buprenorphine (with or without naloxone) to maintain/treat opioid drug dependence in an individual under stipulated conditions.

² Accredited medical practitioner refers to a medical practitioner who has been endorsed by the South Australian Opioid Dependence Prescriber Review Committee as an accredited methadone/buprenorphine prescriber.

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PO Box 6  
Rundle Mall SA 5000

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<td>Prescriptions must be in accordance with the <em>Health (Drugs &amp; Poisons)</em> Regulation 1996 (QLD). Accredited medical practitioner should contact Medicines Regulation and Quality (MRQ) to gain approval prior to patient arriving in QLD. 10 business days notice is required to organise arrangements. A specialised ‘Written Instruction’ form must be completed by the medical practitioner. NHS scripts are not used for ODSP patients. MRQ will supply the prescriber with details of dosing points.</td>
<td>Medicines Regulation and Quality Locked Bag 21 Fortitude Valley BC QLD 4006 Ph: 07 3328 9890 Fx: 07 3328 9821 Email: <a href="mailto:MRQ@health.qld.gov.au">MRQ@health.qld.gov.au</a></td>
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<td>Victoria</td>
<td>Prescriptions should comply with legislative requirements for S8 in South Australia, and should also be in accordance with Regulation 26 of the <em>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2006</em> (Vic) (<a href="http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au">http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au</a>). Prescribers or patients can obtain dosing point information from DirectLine. Accredited medical practitioner must confirm transfer details with the pharmacist prior to patient travel. Including script, transfer documents &amp; certified photo Prescribers or patients can obtain dosing point information from DirectLine. Accredited medical practitioner must confirm transfer details with the pharmacist prior to patient travel. Including script, transfer documents &amp; certified photo. Pharmacists in Victoria may confirm prescriber authority with SA DDU. No specified time limit on temporary transfers, though it is suggested that a maximum of four weeks is considered, given the potential risks associated with the lack of medical supervision. Pharmacist always has the right to refuse supply if they consider it to be unsafe or inappropriate.</td>
<td>DirectLine: 24 hour access Ph: 1800 888 236 Ph: 03 9418 1011 Please note that the VIC DDU has some handouts regarding this matter on their website <a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/dpu/">http://www.health.vic.gov.au/dpu/</a></td>
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<td>There is a requirement that contact be made with the Community Clinical Program Coordinator at Next Step prior to any patient arriving in Western Australia (WA) by the interstate prescriber. The South Australian (SA) prescriber will be sent the required WA temporary authority application form by Next Step Community Clinical Programs: Ph: 08 9219 1907 or Ph: 08 9217 1913 Fx: 08 9471 0444</td>
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Next Step. The SA prescriber must complete and returned this form to Next Step for consideration. A temporary authority, for a maximum of 30 days, may be issued by the Pharmaceutical Services Branch WA.

Prescriptions must be in accordance with the *Poisons Regulations 1965* (WA).

Treatment in excess of 30 days will require the patient to transfer to a WA prescriber.

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Requests for transfer to Darwin:
Tobacco Alcohol and Other Drugs (TADS)
Ph: 08 8922 8399

Requests for transfer to Alice Springs:
Alcohol and Other Drugs Central Australia (ADSCA)
Ph: 08 8951 7580

Medical practitioner’s may contact the Nurse Unit Manager at ADS North (Ph: 03 6336 5577) or South (Ph: 03 6230 7972).
PSB will offer assistance in regard to accredited prescribers and pharmacies (Ph: 03 6233 2064)

*Patients are not to directly contact PSB*

It is **very** important that medical practitioners are mindful of the differences within State and Territory Opioid Dependence Substitution Programs. Some programs will have very different rules i.e. different maximum dose limits 120mg/day, no non-supervised doses etc.