

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: July 23, 2024
Re: New Standards for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

New *Standards of Practice: Drug Therapy for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder* will come into effect on September 1, 2024.

The new standards were developed to align with the evolving treatment of opioid use disorder and to empower pharmacists to apply their expertise to better meet the needs of their patients.

The standards were developed in consultation with a working group consisting of pharmacists and physicians with expertise in the treatment of opioid use disorder, people with lived experience, and the Nova Scotia Health Opioid Recovery Program.

An educational module is being developed to assist pharmacy practitioners in adopting the updated standards into their practice. This module will be posted on the [NSCP YouTube channel](#) shortly.

Should you have questions after reading the updated standards and viewing the module, please contact the Pharmacy Practice Team at practicequestions@nspharmacists.ca.