



OPIOID TREATMENT ACCREDITATION COURSE
Managed by The University of Sydney in association with *NSW Health*

OTAC Online Workshop – 24th March – 16th April 2010

The treatment of opioid dependence is a challenging and stimulating endeavour for medical practitioners. There are clear benefits for opioid dependent individuals, and communities that result from opioid treatment programs. These include reduction in risk of death, reduction in drug use, reduced risk of contracting some blood born viruses such as HIV, improved health, and reduced crime.

In order to equip medical practitioners to provide good quality clinical care to their patients who are opioid dependent, NSW Health offers training and accreditation in opioid treatment. The course involves the successful completion of an online training workshop, followed by a half day clinical placement with an approved pharmacotherapy prescriber.

The training program, known as the **Opioid Treatment Accreditation Course (OTAC)**, has two key aims:

1. To develop the medical practitioner's knowledge and skills in opioid treatment to a level of basic competence
2. To prepare medical practitioners to deliver safe and effective opioid treatment within the NSW health system

Prescribing opioids in NSW, including methadone and buprenorphine, occurs within a regulatory framework. The regulation of opioids has developed in response to the need to minimize harm associated with prescribing opioids. In order to prescribe methadone or buprenorphine a medical practitioner must have approval from the NSW Health Department to prescribe to each patient.

The workshop is free to all Medical Practitioners

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For further information and registration forms please contact:

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PLEASE APPLY FOR THE OTAC WORKSHOP BY Friday 12th March 2010,
as preparatory reading and a Pre-test must be completed before the workshop commences

CPD and PDP Points

**This Active Learning Module has been approved by the RACGP QA&CPD Program.
TOTAL POINTS: 40 (Category 1)**

**This course has been approved by the ACRRM as a PDP Activity.
TOTAL POINTS: 8 extended skills and 17 core points.**

**GPs requiring points from the RACGP or the ACRRM will be asked to complete a Pre-test
by 23rd March 2010, and a Post-test at the end of the online workshop**