**Prescription Checklist for Oral Opioid Agonist Treatment**

**Quantity**
- Exact total quantity is written
- Total quantity is calculated correctly for the date range

**End date**
- End date does not fall on a day the prescriber is not available (e.g., weekend or statutory holiday)

**Total Daily Dose**
- **Bup/nlx**: if the daily dose differs on different days:
  - Strikethrough the section
  - Initial strikethrough
  - Write “Refer to directions”

**Delivery Authorization**
- Checked if not authorized for delivery

**Prescriber’s Contact Information**
- Prescribing address matches prescribing location (for clinicians practicing at multiple locations)
- Include telephone and fax numbers

**Prescribing date**
- Prescribing date is correct

**Daily Witnessed Ingestion**
- States number of days per week that are witnessed (i.e., NOT carries)

**Directions for Use**
- Medication, dose, and frequency
- **Bup/nlx induction**: Dose schedule
- **Methadone**: Specific formulation, if required
- Daily witnessed ingestion:
  - Specific days for daily witnessed ingestion
- **SROM**: Dispense instructions (if no instructions are written, the default is to provide capsule to swallow whole
- Carry doses:
  - Specific days of the week for carries
  - Days of the week for dispensing carries
  - If carries are on a statutory holiday, indicate the specific date for carries
- **Bup/nlx**: Specific packaging, if required
Once the prescription is completed, check that the:

- Units are written in both numeric and alpha in the following sections:
  - Quantity (e.g., 672mg | Six hundred and seventy-two milligrams)
  - Total Daily Dose, when included (e.g., 24 | Twenty-four)
  - Daily Witnessed Ingestion (e.g., 1 | One)

- Blank spaces are struck through on the prescription
  - Including any empty space in the additional information field
  - Strikethroughs are initialed (see example image)

- If no witnessed ingestion days are required, “Nil | Nil” is written

- Corrections made by the prescriber are initialed (changes without initials will not be accepted by the pharmacy)

- Prescription is written on both copies of the duplicate prescription form

- Duplicate copy of the prescription is filed in the patient’s medical record

Resources

- Health Professions Act—BYLAWS: [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/mo/hmo/m0369_2016](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/mo/hmo/m0369_2016)
- Pharmacy Operations a uling Act—BYLAWS: [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/03077_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/03077_01)
- Controlled Prescription Program, BC Pharmacists: [https://www.bcpharmacists.org/cpp](https://www.bcpharmacists.org/cpp)

Addiction medicine specialist consultation

24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line

Available to physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, midwives, and pharmacists

Phone: 778-945-7619 (available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week)