**Opioid Management**

**Communities of Practice**

A Community of Practice (CoP) is an informal, self-organised, network of peers with diverse skills and experience in an area of practice or profession. CoP are learning forums where members teach and learn from each other and, irrespective of their position or vocation, regard each other as fellow health professionals and sources of knowledge.

**Why join the Opioid Management Community of Practice?**

The Opioid Management Community of Practice incorporates a group of health professionals working in, or with an interest in, the areas of opioid management. CoP members are committed to sharing their passion in providing quality opioid management services and sharing and furthering their knowledge in this field of practice. The CoP members are provided with support, development and learning opportunities to enable them to improve the quality of opioid management services across the Barwon Southwest region.

Benefits include:

- Connecting people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to interact
- Improved practice through the exchange of knowledge, resources and information
- Peer support and mentoring
- Shared experience
- Development of best practice guidelines
- Create innovative and creative ideas
- Brainstorm and problem solve issues
- Lobbying and advocacy
- Introduce collaborative processes between organisations and health professionals from their own discipline and other disciplines

**Membership**

All health professionals engaged in opioid prescribing, dispensing or support of clients who have become dependent on opioids are eligible. Members are self-selected based on their professional interest in opioid management.

As an open community new members are always welcome. To join a CoP in the Barwon region contact Pene Wood: pene.wood@westvicphn.com.au 5222 0809. For the South West region contact Rob Kenna: rob.kenna@westvicphn.com.au 5564 5888.

**For further opioid management information:**

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Not sure who to contact? All opioid management team members will be able to assist or connect you to the most appropriate team member.