Opioid Management

Pharmacist mentoring
The opioid management team provides a pharmacist mentoring service for pharmacists across the Barwon and South West region that would like support in opioid management including opioid replacement therapy (ORT). This service is available to pharmacists new to the area of ORT or established services wanting additional advice and support.

The pharmacy mentoring service can offer advice and support with:

- Starting an ORT program in your pharmacy
- Signs of overdose
- Suspected diversion
- What to do if a patient has vomited their dose
- Managing intoxicated patients
- Communicating with patients
- Missed doses
- Temporary transfers and holidays
- Supervision of doses
- Starting patients new to ORT
- Signs of withdrawal
- Irregular attendance
- Safety and dosing in pregnancy & breastfeeding
- Split doses
- Switching therapies
- Prison transfers
- Acute pain
- Managing OTC codeine

Accessing mentoring
Mentoring can be provided by telephone, email or pharmacy visit depending on the level required. Access mentoring by contacting:

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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.