Rural Addiction Medicine Pharmacotherapy Specialist (RAMPS)

The RAMPS service aims to build the capacity of GPs to effectively manage opioid dependence within their practice. The service provides GPs with access to experienced Addiction Medicine Specialists to deliver continued support with opioid management including opioid replacement therapy.

Support includes:
- Education and training
- Capacity building
- Secondary consults
- Primary consult if required and appropriate (Please note that GP attendance in consultation is required).

Specialists will accept referrals where the main presenting concern is opioid dependence. This will include prescription opioids, over-the-counter opioids, and patients using illicitly obtained opioids (e.g. heroin). Patients do not have to be injecting drug users to be referred to the service.

Consultations can be adapted to regional needs and include:
- Face to face
- Tele/videoconferencing

How do I refer?

Referrals can be made using standard clinic management software referral templates.
- Fax to 5564 5800 with RAMPS clearly stated in the referral or fax cover page
- OR Send via ReferralNet Id: RAMPS

For all RAMPS referrals ensure patient consent has been obtained and include
- all relevant patient information
- preferred time and date for consultations to occur
- preferred contact method: face to face, tele/videoconferencing

All referrals are triaged by the Pharmacotherapy Clinical Nurse and will be processed within 2 business days.

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All urgent opioid management clinical advice should be referred directly to the Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS) 1800 812 804.

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.