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Avoiding Abuse, Achieving a Balance:

Tackling the Opioid Public Health Crisis



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ON THE OPIOID CRISIS IN CANADA**

**Report of the Standing Committee
on Health**

**Bill Casey
Chair**

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Ontario's Narcotics Monitoring System

Frequently Asked Questions

This fact sheet provides basic information only. It must not take the place of medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Always talk to a health care professional about any health concerns you have, and before you make any changes to your diet, lifestyle or treatment.

1. What is the Narcotics Monitoring System?

The NMS will serve as a central database to enable reviews of monitored drug prescribing and dispensing activities within the community health care sector. The NMS will also have real-time Drug Utilization Review (DUR) capabilities. When a dispensing record is submitted by a pharmacy to the NMS, the system will conduct DUR checks. If potential issues, such as double-doctoring and poly-pharmacy visits are detected, the NMS will issue an alert to the pharmacy in real-time (i.e. at the time that the prescription is being dispensed). *More information on DUR checks and alerts is provided below.*

The NMS will collect dispensing data from pharmacies in relation to all monitored drugs regardless of how the prescription is reimbursed (e.g., publicly funded drug programs, private insurance, and cash payments).

2. When does this come into effect?

The ministry activated the NMS on April 16, 2012.

Support of appropriate opioid prescribing

- **Real time access to medication profiles**
- **Reporting of comparative data to prescribers**
- **Analysis of prescribing data**
- **Educational / regulatory responses to improve prescribing dependent on risk**



OPIOIDS

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**Abrupt opioid cessation can
cause serious harm to patients**

Opioid Use and Abuse

“Function is more
important than pa

**New legislation
aims to curb abuse
of fentanyl patches**

Stepping up efforts to ensure safe

For example, circumstances where it appears a physician has prescribed daily doses of more than 650 OME/day over extended periods of time to multiple patients may trigger notification to the College.

ECONOMY

Infrastructure plan may include tolls, fees

Canadians must be sold on the economic benefits of priv...

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Canadians need to be sold on the economic benefits of private-sector investment in infrastructure - and the fees and tolls that may come with that, the chair of the federal government's council on growth says.

Dominic Barton, who heads Ottawa's Advisory Council on

Economic Growth, said Canada lags far behind many countries in taking advantage of private financing to help fund large-scale projects, adding that infrastructure needs in Canada far exceed the capacity of governments to pay for them alone.

After months of working with Finance Minister Bill Morneau and other officials, Mr. Barton's

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Regulatory body probes 86 doctors for prescribing

U.S. ELECTION

Obama takes FBI to task ov



Officials looked for physicians who had eight patients or more for whom they had prescribed opioids in amounts equivalent to 650 milligrams of morphine a day, or who had prescribed the equivalent of 20,000 milligrams of morphine for a patient at one time, usually as a long-term prescription.

AGENDA

Opioid CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 18, 2016

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the Honourable Jane Philpott,
Federal Minister of Health and
the Honourable Eric Hoskins,
Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

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Opioid Conference – CPSO Action Plan

- **By July 2017 – MOHLTC re: NMS**
 - **High risk – Send to regulator**
 - **Low risk – Educational tools**
- **Dec 2017**
 - **Public reporting as permitted**
- **Also:**
 - **Physicians to check NMS – when available**
 - **Prescribing data to inform education**
 - **Partner in a broader strategy**



Online Resources

- Canadian Guidelines
- Practice Toolkit
- Withdrawal and Crisis Resources
- Info about NMS
- CPSO Policies



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Prescribing opioids under the right conditions is critical for good patient care. The following resources include information to facilitate safe opioid prescribing where opioids are clinically indicated.

- [Dialogue, Volume 12, Issue 3, 2016](#)
- [Canadian Guideline for Safe and Effective Use of Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain](#)

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- [NMS and your role as health care professional](#)
- [CPSO Policies](#)
- [Prescribing Drugs \(see pp 9-12\)](#)
- [Practice Management Considerations for Physicians Who Cease to Practise, Take an Extended Leave of Absence or Close their Practice Due to Relocation \(see pp 3-4\)](#)
- [Ending the Physician-Patient Relationship](#)
- [Continuing Professional Development & Mentoring](#)



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