



# Opioid Agonist Therapy: A Prescriber's Guide to Treatment

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Health care providers play a key role in addressing Canada's opioid use crisis. *Opioid Agonist Therapy: A Prescriber's Guide to Treatment* is a comprehensive, practical resource that supports the work of care providers such as physicians and nurse practitioners who are authorized to prescribe medications to treat opioid use disorder.

This expanded and updated edition reflects the latest evidence and practices that have evolved since *Methadone Maintenance: A Physician's Guide to Treatment* was published in 2011—before buprenorphine and other pharmacological options became available to meet the varying needs of people with opioid use disorder.

This guide is relevant to both practitioners working in primary care and those who focus on addiction medicine. With contributions from more than 50 experts across Canada, it highlights clinically tested guidance on treating opioid use disorder and provides essential information on topics such as:

- prescribing and administering methadone, buprenorphine, slow-release oral morphine and injectable OAT (diacetylmorphine and hydromorphone)
- safety considerations and drug interactions
- take-home dosing and urine drug testing
- OAT with specific populations (pregnancy, chronic pain, psychiatric disorders, HIV and hepatitis C, Indigenous people, youth, older adults)
- continuity of care for patients who have been hospitalized or incarcerated.

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