

PRACTICAL APPROACH TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE & DIVERSION

TEMPLATE FOR ACTION



Physicians

- Follow best-practice (Dx, Rx) including non-opioid, non-benzo, management strategies – pain and addiction.
- Report incidences of illegal activity (to Crime Stoppers).
- Prescribe prophylactic Naloxone.

Pharmacists

- Promote “medication stewardship”.
- Promote return of medications to pharmacy.
- Communicate clinical observations to physicians – three-way interaction between patient, pharmacist and physician.

Coroner’s Office

- Recommend prescriber training based upon death investigation observations.
- Communicate with named prescriber/physician when medications found at scene of investigation.
- Share toxicology and post-mortem data with physicians.

Law Enforcement

- Support “Drug Drop Off”, return practices.
- Notify named physician when medications seized.
- Publicize information about successful prosecution – media and physician “clearing house”.
- Community mobilization model.

Public Health

- Educate public about medication storage and sharing.
- Medication return initiatives.
- Harm reduction – Naloxone.

CPSO

- Suggest to specific identified prescribers that they pursue training.
- Promote safe medical practice.

Government/Narcotics Monitoring Program

- Enhance reporting to physicians – transparency.
- Prompts to CPSO.
- Make Naloxone available.

Community

- Business – Support treatment for pain and addiction.
- Community Groups – e.g. counselling, churches, service groups, youth.
- Schools/Public Health – focus on person – population health.

Media

- Dissemination of information about 'solution oriented' actions.
- Bring the individual human element to the strategy picture.

Hospitals/LHIN

- Emergency Department data – e.g. pain information, overdose visits.

Manufacturers

- Support data gathering (e.g. RADARS) to establish informational background.
- Contribute to data through regional sales information (IMS Health).
- Tamper-resistant products.

Patients/Public

- Provide their experience.
- Communicate about the issues.

Dentists

- Best-practice safe prescribing.
- Reporting incidences of illegal activity (to Crime Stoppers).

Veterinary

- Best-practice safe prescribing.
- Reporting incidences of illegal activity (to Crime Stoppers).

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