Advanced Course: Harm Reduction and Opioid Agonist Therapy

This is a more comprehensive harm reduction and opioid agonist therapy (OAT) course that covers in-depth OAT therapeutics and includes a live learning session. The live session will be presented by local experts and persons with lived experience and will cover such topics as: trauma-informed care, addiction recovery and treatment, case-based discussions, collaborative communication, and crystal meth usage. This course fulfills the mandatory requirement for licensed pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
By the end of this workshop, learners will be able to:

ONLINE COURSE
• Explain opioid use disorder (OUD) and the tools used to support diagnosis and evaluate withdrawal.
• Describe examples of community psychosocial support services for patients with OUD.
• Explain OUD treatment recommendations, pharmacology, and clinical considerations.
• Define trauma-informed care and identify strategies used to support culturally safe pharmacy practice.
• Recognize standard requirements for dispensing OAT in Saskatchewan.
• Identify valid prescriptions for OAT in Saskatchewan.

VIRTUAL LIVE WORKSHOP
• Reflect on presenters’ lived experiences with substance use disorder (SUD) and recovery, to further support others living with SUD.
• Consider the impact of culture, trauma, and stigma on SUD.
• Describe transitions in care and community resources for people with SUD.
• Understand and identify crystal methamphetamine usage and available resources in Saskatchewan.
• Integrate OAT into pharmacy practice, including considerations for special populations, workflow, claim submissions, documentation, and strategies for suspected misuse or re-direction of OAT.
• Discuss approaches to facilitate healthcare provider and pharmacy team communication and collaborative care.

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