



WCDHB Rata AOD Service Provision Framework Profession Specific Skills – Opioid Substitution Treatment Coordinator

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PROFESSION SPECIFIC SKILLS – OPIOID SUBSTITUTION TREATMENT COORDINATOR

Purpose

Responsible for the delivery of clinical interventions, case management and support to people who are experiencing opioid dependence and have been accepted for opioid substitution treatment including those with coexisting mental health difficulties. This includes assessment, induction, stabilisation, maintenance and referral to GP care.

Specific Skills

- Comprehensive management of opioid substitution treatment (OST) clients.
- Holistic knowledge of wellness.
- OST assessments.
- Knowledge of drug dependencies and current treatments.
- Knowledge of crisis intervention strategies.
- Ability to advocate for and empower clients.
- Promotion of good outcomes based on identified risks.
- Communication with other health professionals.
- Monitoring of clients.
- Promotion of wellness by the medium of a therapeutic relationship.
- Communication skills.

Specific Assessments

- OST assessment of individuals with substance use disorders.
- Monitoring of general health status

Specific Treatments

- Relapse prevention
- Harm reduction approaches.
- Supportive goal setting.
- Public health education.
- Motivational interviewing.
- Monitoring.