



# The Right Medicine: Paths out of Opioid Use

PHN EDUCATION SESSION

This webinar, followed by an ECHO session 2 weeks later, aims to improve care provided to patients undertaking opioid treatment therapy through improved collaboration between Pharmacists, General Practices and hospitals.

WHO: GPs, Nurses, Pharmacists & other Health Clinicians

**WEBINAR: *The Right Medicine: Paths out of Opioid Use***

WHEN: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021, 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

WHERE: Online via GoToWebinar

RSVP: Please [click here](#) to register

**ECHO: *Opioid Treatment: A Case Approach***

WHEN: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

WHAT: A GP's case study will be discussed, with subject matter experts present.

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**SPEAKER: EMMA PENNY** (Clinical Nurse Specialist, Newcastle Drug and Alcohol Service). After nursing in the John Hunter Hospital's Intensive Care Unit for 3 years Emma moved into the drug and alcohol community setting several years ago. She completed a Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies in 2020 and is currently completing a Diploma course.



**SESSION: Prescribing treatment and transitioning from tertiary care to primary care**

## Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand about The Newcastle Pharmacotherapy Speciality Service
2. Understand about the Shared Care approach from Newcastle Pharmacotherapy to Primary Care (and back)
3. Understand the role GPs play in prescribing opioid treatment in primary care

**SPEAKER: JOHN JONES** (Pharmacist, My Community Pharmacy). John is a pharmacist who is passionate about delivering patient focused services in the pharmacy. He is the owner of a pharmacy that seeks to be an integral part of the healthcare team and work collaboratively with other healthcare providers to improve the health of the community. The pharmacy provides a nurse-led buprenorphine depot injection clinic, opioid treatment program and medication compounding service.



**SESSION: How pharmacists can work with GPs and assist with opioid treatment**

## Learning Outcomes:

1. Navigating the regulatory framework for opioid dispensing
2. Working collaboratively as part of the team to improve patient outcomes
3. What is the future for the role of the Pharmacists in Opioid Treatment?

**SPEAKER: DR DAVID OUTRIDGE** (GP & Addiction Medicine Specialist). David works in private practice, co-located with Samaritans Foundation Recovery Point (an NGO). The practice provides general medical, mental health, D&A and social services to people with complex needs, including co-occurring mental health, housing and forensic issues. His main professional interests are opioid addiction, homelessness and the use of psychosocial strategies in the management of amphetamine addiction



**SESSION: Best practice for opioid treatment therapy in a GP setting**

## Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify opioid use disorder in pharmaceutical-opioid-using patients.
2. Understand treatment options for opioid use disorder
3. Essentials of buprenorphine treatment