

Opioid Stewardship in Queensland

Opioid Prescribing Toolkit (OPT) Factsheet

Opioid Stewardship (OS) is a systematic approach to managing opioid prescribing.

OPT aims to provide a framework for introducing the concepts of opioid stewardship to acute care settings.

Quality improvement activities are designed to be undertaken by front-line clinicians who then incorporate outcomes of these initiatives into educational interventions.

Practice improvement is the result of both heightened awareness and self-reflection and therefore is not limited to a specific opioid but extends to other analgesia and general pain management.

‘Opioid Stewardship’ in action



OPT contains

OPT was designed in accordance with the following priorities and contains resources to help deliver them:



Individualise patient care

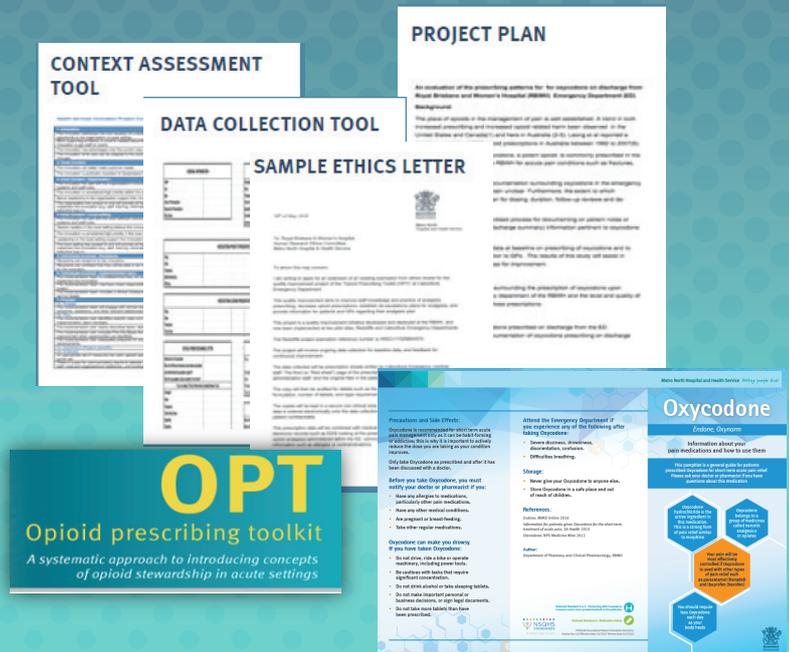


Provide patient education



Improve clinical handover

The resources and support which forms the 'Toolkit' focus on delivering these priorities.



OPT
Opioid prescribing toolkit
A systematic approach to introducing concepts of opioid stewardship in acute settings

Aim of this innovation

To develop a systematic, evidence-based system and resources for introducing Opioid Stewardship



- Improving opioid prescribing by:
 - providing appropriate analgesia to all patients
 - educating and empowering patients
 - minimising the risk of unintended harm, excess, diversion
 - improving communication and handover.



- Create sustainable change through structured Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) Cycle



- Provide a suite of tools which is adaptable across clinical settings and sites, and simplifies and supports the process of quality improvement.