

Buprenorphine-naloxone prescriptions



Select pharmacy location based on:¹

- Patient choice or patient's current pharmacy
- Pharmacy access and convenience of hours and location
- Buprenorphine-naloxone availability and observed dosing services (unfortunately no public list of pharmacies that dispense buprenorphine-naloxone is available; best approach is to contact the Ontario College of Pharmacists and ask whether the pharmacy dispenses methadone)
- Pharmacy currently accepting new patients
- Confirm ongoing affordability of buprenorphine/naloxone due to long-term nature of therapy

Contact pharmacist/pharmacy prior to initiation of patient and provide them with the patient's treatment agreement. Fax prescription directly to pharmacy (keeping original in chart, marked "faxed"), or provide patient with written prescription if direct fax not feasible.

Prescription should include:^{1,2}

- Patient's name, date of birth, and health card number
- Pharmacy name, address and fax number
- Date prescription written
- Buprenorphine and naloxone drug name and dose (mg dose in words and numbers)
- Start and end dates, stated as inclusive
- Dosing regimen (daily, alternate day or thrice weekly)
- Induction process and dosing schedule
 - Day(s) of the week the patient takes a dose at the pharmacy under the observation of the pharmacist, and days of the week the patient takes the dose at home (if relevant)

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☐ 1001 Queen St. W. Toronto, M6J 1H4 ☐ 250 College Street, Toronto M5T 1R8 ☐ 33 Russell Street, Toronto, M5S 2S1	
NAME John A. Doe	
ADDRESS	
CRN # 123456	DATE Jan 1/10
Rx Suboxone 12 (twelve) mg SL 2 daily Jan 1/10 to Jan 8/10 inclusive Observe dose Tuesday. Take home 6 (six) doses every Tuesday.	
NO REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED	
Check if applicable:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAY CAUSE DROWSINESS. ALCOHOL MAY INTENSIFY EFFECT. USE CARE WHEN OPERATING A CAR OR MACHINERY.
Signature	 M.D.
J. SAMPLE.	
PLEASE PRINT NAME FOR CLARITY	
PHARMACY COPY	

Buprenorphine-naloxone drugs available on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary³

The cost of generic buprenorphine-naloxone is covered on the Ontario formulary. *Note: Reference to brand names does not imply endorsement of any of these products.*

DIN/ PIN/ NPN	Generic name	Brand name, strength & dosage form	MFR	Drug benefit price or unit price	Amount MOHLTC pays	Inter-change-able	Limited Use
02453916	BUPRENORPHINE & NALOXONE	Act Buprenorphine/Naloxone 8mg & 2mg SL Tab	ACV	1.1825	1.1825	YES	NO
02453908	BUPRENORPHINE & NALOXONE	Act Buprenorphine/Naloxone 2mg & 0.5mg SL Tab	ACV	0.6675	0.6675	YES	NO
02408104	BUPRENORPHINE & NALOXONE	Mylan-Buprenorphine/Naloxone 8mg & 2mg SL Tab	MYL	1.1825	1.1825	YES	NO
02408090	BUPRENORPHINE & NALOXONE	Mylan-Buprenorphine/Naloxone 2mg & 0.5mg SL Tab	MYL	0.6675	0.6675	YES	NO
02424878	BUPRENORPHINE & NALOXONE	PMS-Buprenorphine-Naloxone 8mg & 2mg SL Tab	PMS	1.1825	1.1825	YES	NO
02424851	BUPRENORPHINE & NALOXONE	PMS-Buprenorphine-Naloxone 2mg & 0.5mg SL Tab	PMS	0.6675	0.6675	YES	NO
02295695	BUPRENORPHINE & NALOXONE	Suboxone 2mg & 0.5mg SL Tab	IND	2.6700	0.6675	YES	NO
02295709	BUPRENORPHINE & NALOXONE	Suboxone 8mg & 2mg SL Tab	IND	4.7300	1.1825	YES	NO

References:

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2. Women's College Hospital. Safe opioid prescribing and managing opioid use disorder: A pocket reference for primary care providers. 2017 [cited 2018 Dec 13]. Available from: <https://www.womenscollegehospital.ca/assets/pdf/MetaPhi/2017-12-19%20PCP%20safe%20opioid%20prescribing.pdf>
3. Government of Ontario. Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary/Comparative Drug Index. 2018 [cited 2018 Dec 13]. Available from: <https://www.formulary.health.gov.on.ca/formulary/>