

# Harmonized prescription pad for drugs requiring a duplicate prescription and methadone coming this summer



The Controlled Prescription Program is a joint initiative of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, the BC College of Nurses and Midwives, the College of Pharmacists of BC, the College of Dental Surgeons of BC, the College of Veterinarians of BC and the Ministry of Health, which is tasked with preventing forgeries and reducing inappropriate prescribing of selected drugs.

The Controlled Prescription Program recently completed a project to harmonize the controlled prescription duplicate pad and the methadone pad to streamline prescribing for registrants. Once implemented, all drugs requiring a duplicate prescription can be prescribed using the single harmonized pad. The controlled prescription program advisory committee is currently working on the rollout timeline for the new pads and aims to have them available by the summer of 2021. Prescribers will no longer need to order and use separate pads and can look forward to a simpler prescribing process.

Further details are forthcoming.