

Exploring Opioid Use and Safe Supply in Ontario

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KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SAFE SUPPLY OPIOID DISPENSING

If considering safe supply opioid prescribing, registrants are reminded of their professional expectations to:



Practise within the limits of your clinical competence and/or scope of practice.



Review previous interventions the patient has undergone.



Demonstrate sound clinical judgment, taking into account the individual needs of each patient.



Consider and apply relevant practice standards, quality standards, and clinical practice guidelines, where they exist.



Where relevant practice standards, quality standards, and clinical practice guidelines do not exist, or in areas of medicine that are less developed, consider the best available indirect evidence, including clinical trials and evidence-based research to help inform consensus protocols or best practices.

As always, pharmacy professionals are expected to use their knowledge, skills and judgement and take into account the individual needs of each patient when dispensing medication. Pharmacy professionals must also assess the authenticity of the prescription and the appropriateness of the prescription for the patient.