



Standards of Practice of the Yukon Medical Council (“the Council”) are the minimum standards of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected of all physicians registered in the Yukon. Standards of Practice will be referenced in the management of complaints and in discipline

- (1) The Council has adopted the [Alberta Methadone Maintenance Treatment Standards & Guidelines for Dependence](#) that guides physicians in the use of methadone to treat patients diagnosed with an Opioid Dependence Disorder (ODD).
- (2) Separating guidelines from standards in the document referenced in (1) is not advisable as there are many contextual subtleties in the area of Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT)
 - (a) MMT Standards provide the minimum expectation of professional behaviour and ethical conduct expected of all physicians registered in the Yukon; and
 - (b) MMT Guidelines provide direction and recommendations for effectiveness and optimal care.
- (3) Physicians wishing to participate in the Methadone Treatment Program (MTP), for Opioid Dependency or Pain Management (Palliative or Chronic Care), must obtain approval from the Council prior to providing patient treatments.
- (4) Physicians may be approved for a temporary exemption to act as an alternate for and during the absence of an approved MTP physician.
- (5) Physicians must apply as per the [Methadone Authorization Procedure](#), available on the Council website.
- (6) Physicians may be eligible for a section 56 class exemption when treating patients in hospital who have been taking methadone prior to their hospitalization. Please refer to the Methadone Authorization Procedure for more information.

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Terms used in the Standards of Practice:

- *Physician* means any person who is registered or who is required to be registered under the Medical Profession Act.
- *Must* refers to a mandatory requirement.
- *May* means that the physician may exercise reasonable discretion.
- *Patient* includes, where applicable, the patient’s legal guardian or substitute decision maker.