

Continuing your methadone treatment in the hospital

What should I bring to the hospital?

- If you get take-home carries of Methadone, please bring all of them with you to the hospital.
- If you get Methadone as a daily drink, please bring a copy of the pharmacy receipt for your last dose.

What happens while I am in the hospital?

When you are admitted to the hospital, a member of your health care team will review all the medications you take.

When you discuss your methadone treatment, please tell them:

- How much you take (dose)
- When you usually take it
- How to contact your methadone pharmacy or clinic (if we need more information about your prescription or treatment)

If you brought your Methadone carries, these will be used to check your dose. Then, they will be locked in a secure cupboard until you leave the hospital.

During your hospital stay:

- ✓ The hospital pharmacy will provide (dispense) your doses of Methadone.
- ✓ Your nurse will bring each dose to you at the time you usually take it.

Do not take any of your medications from home, unless told to do so by a member of your health care team.

What happens when I leave the hospital?

Before you leave the hospital, your nurse will:

- Make sure that you have a follow-up appointment with your Methadone doctor.
- Give you a form that shows your last dose of Methadone and the number of doses you received while you were in the hospital.
- Return all your methadone carries.

Take the form and all your methadone carries to your follow-up appointment (unless your doctor or clinic gave you other instructions) and then to your methadone pharmacy for disposal.