

Methadone pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder



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MEDICATION**

Flowchart 1.1 Process for patients newly admitted to hospital

Target Audience: Prescribers and Pharmacists

Medical practitioner or pharmacist to confirm usage and administration of methadone pre-admission with patient and/or carer.

- Confirm pharmacy supplying, dose and methadone prescriber.
- Obtain a copy of the current/valid methadone prescription and check Safescript.



Contact methadone-dispensing pharmacy to inform them that the patient is admitted, and to confirm adherence, date of last supervised dose, and quantity of takeaways supplied (if applicable).

- Confirm the date that the patient is expected to present to the pharmacy for next supply.



Confirm location of takeaway doses with patient (if applicable). Refer to Flowsheet 1.2 to coordinate access to methadone dose as an inpatient.



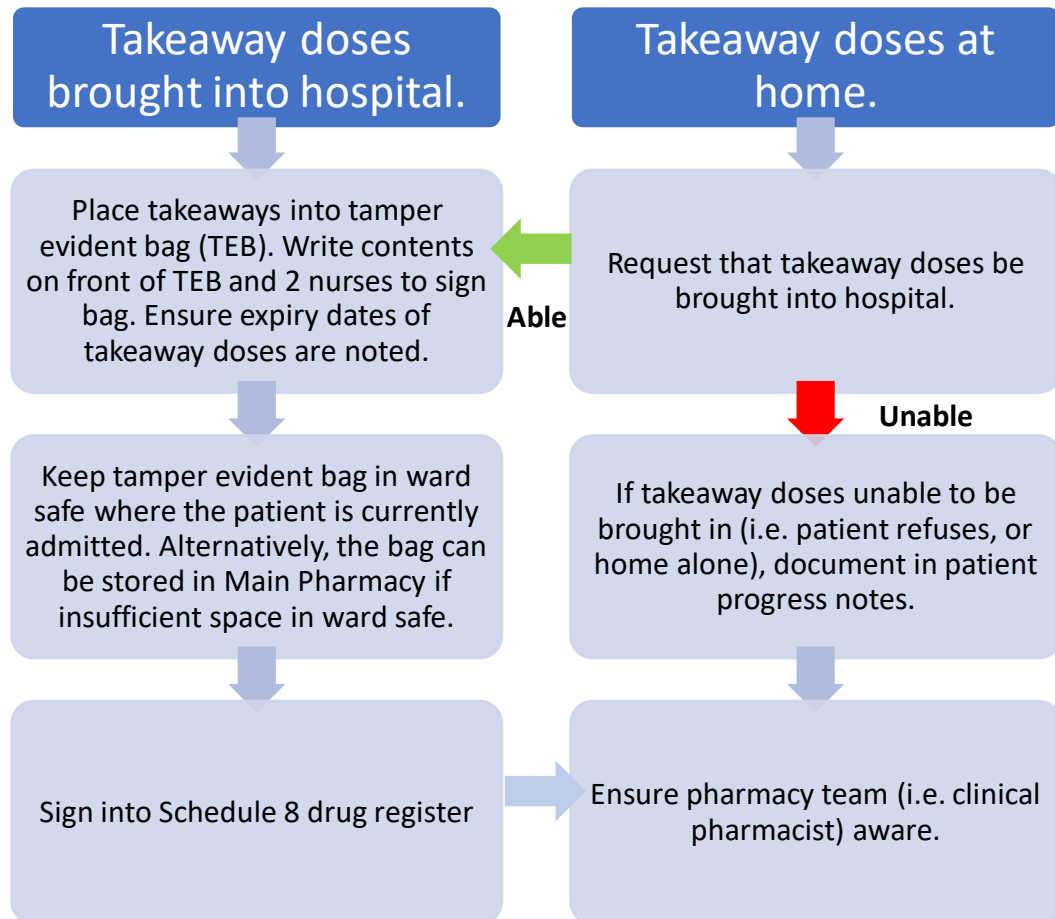
If methadone treatment has been interrupted by 72 hours or more, contact the Drug & Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS) on 1800 812 804 for advice.



Pharmacist to complete admission section on MR092.4 Methadone/Buprenorphine Record eFORM on Bossnet, print and leave form in the patient records.

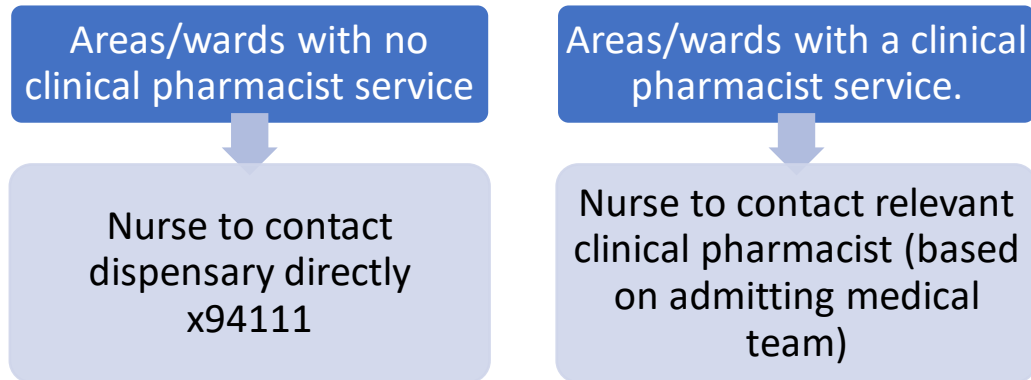
Flowchart 1.2 Handling of methadone liquid takeaway doses on/during admission

Target Audience: Nursing staff and Pharmacists



Flowchart 1.3 Organising supply of methadone liquid for inpatients during BHS Pharmacy operating hours

Target Audience: Nursing staff



Flowchart 1.4 Organising supply of methadone for inpatients outside BHS Pharmacy operating hours

Target Audience: Prescribers and Nursing staff

The use of patient's own methadone takeaways whilst admitted to hospital is NOT ENDORSED, as the contents of the takeaway CANNOT be verified.

- This should be explained to the patient and takeaways be managed according to Flowchart 1.2.



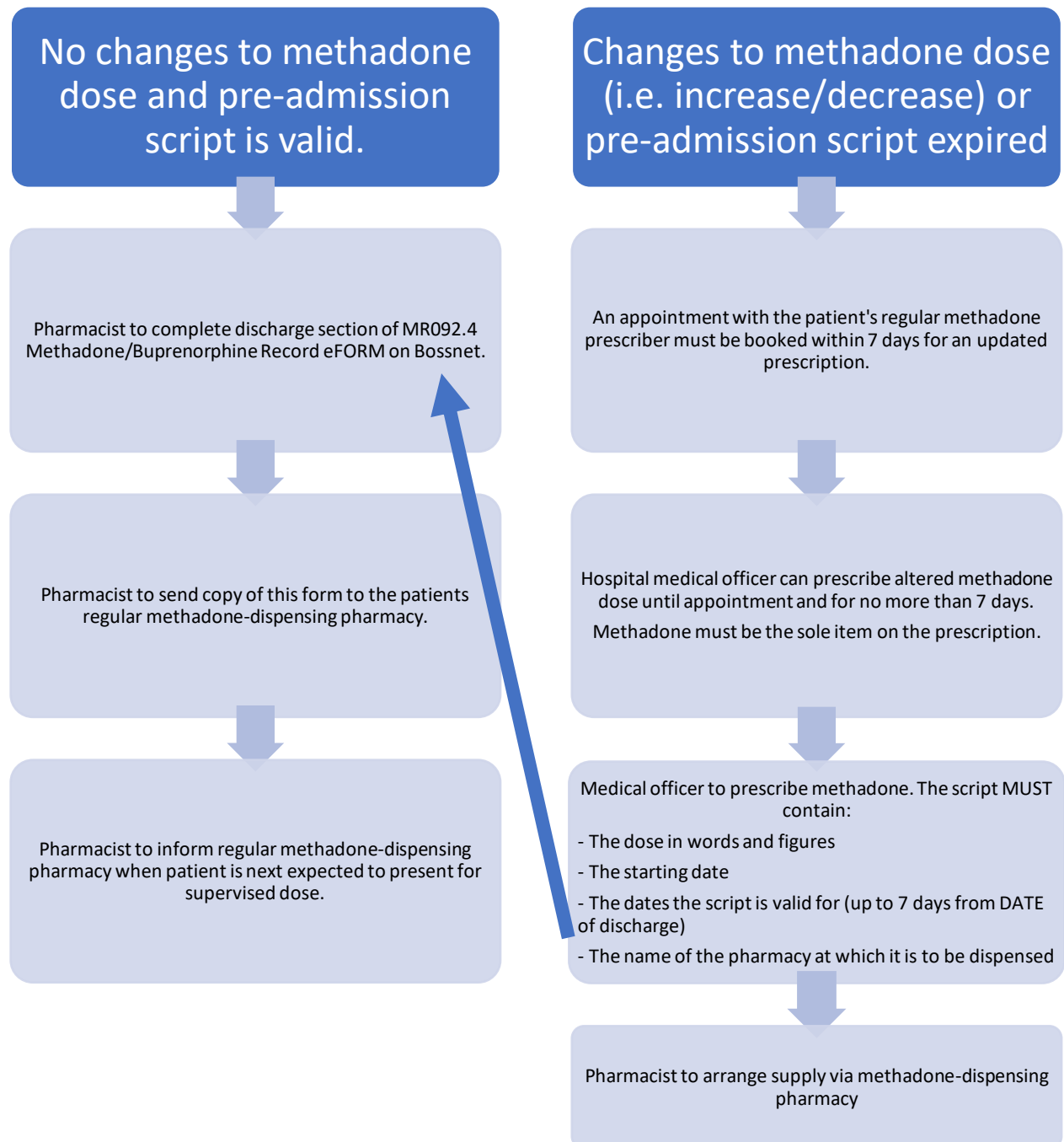
Medical officer to contact the Drug & Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS) which is a 24 hours a day phone service on 1800 812 804 for advice as alternative agents may be recommended for use until BHS pharmacy next opens.



If required, medical officer to contact the on-call pharmacist for advice (last line).

Flowchart 2.1 Handling of methadone prescription and communication to community pharmacy on discharge

Target Audience: Prescribers and Pharmacists



Flowchart 2.2 Handling of methadone takeaways on discharge

Target Audience: Prescribers, Nursing staff, Pharmacists

Under no circumstances, should any inpatient methadone prepared by BHS be supplied to the patient on discharge.

