

# ORTICARE NEWS

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NOVEMBER 2022



## CLINICAL NETWORK MEETING

*register for a meeting near you*

## VOPP TRAINING FOR PHARMACISTS

*platform back online*

# THE CLINIC FORMERLY KNOWN AS...

*Addiction Medicine Specialist Clinic update*





## A MESSAGE FROM ORTICARE

Orticare acknowledges the incredible lengths treatment providers have gone to, to ensure continuity of care for pharmacotherapy patients during the ongoing flood crisis.

Your resilience and outstanding contribution to your communities has not gone unnoticed.

*Thank you*



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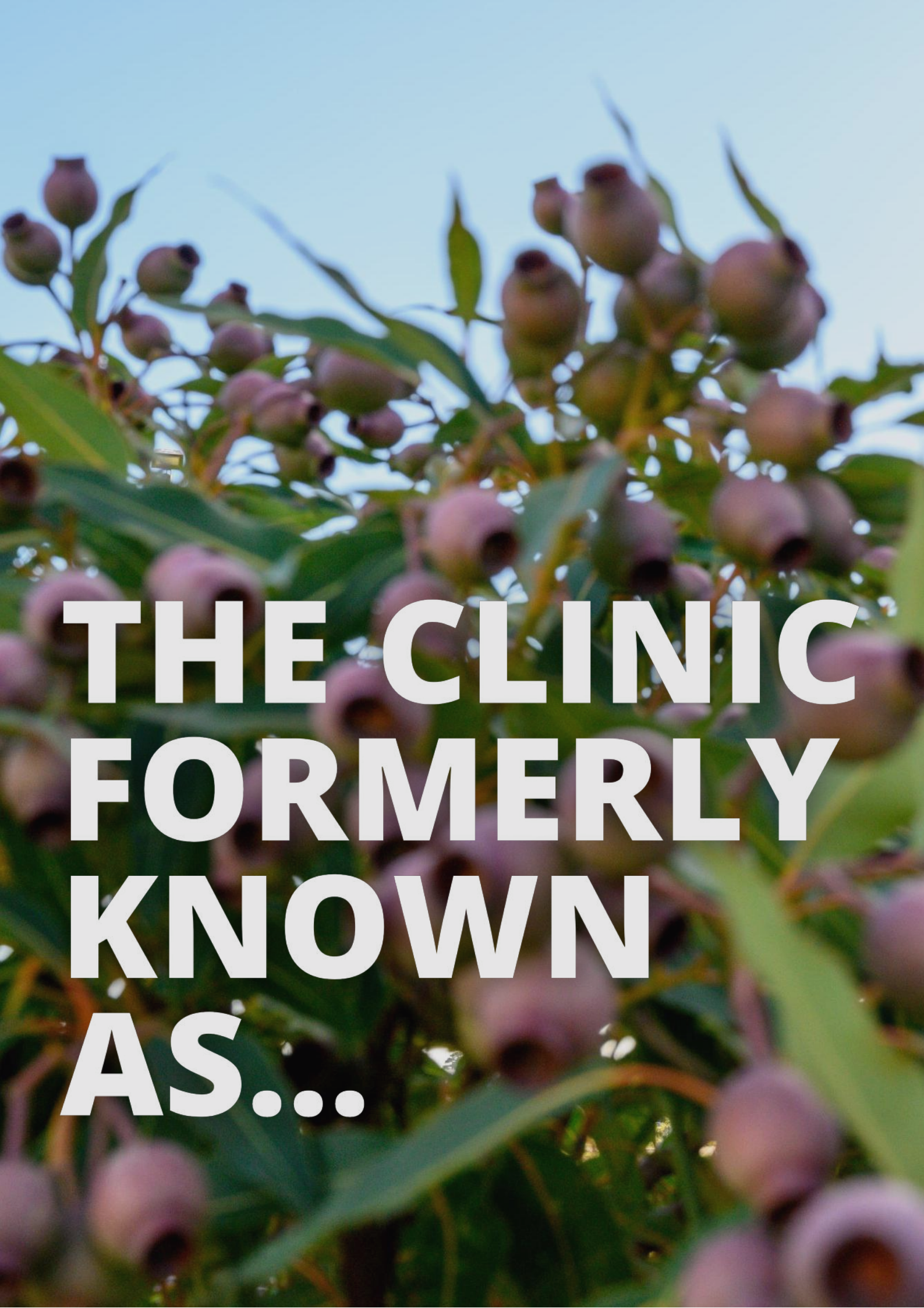
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**THE CLINIC  
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# NEW NAME FOR AMS CLINIC

Funded by Orticare, the Opioid Management Clinic (OMC), formerly known as the Addiction Medicine Specialist (AMS) Clinic, is delivered by Dr. Adam Straub, the region's Addiction Medicine Physician

With a specific focus on opioid use, the clinic operates every Friday afternoon from 1:15pm - 5:15pm, servicing the entire Grampians and Loddon Mallee region.

As the clinic is MBS funded, there is no cost to use this service however, a medical practitioner's referral is necessary. The OMC offers secondary consults and multidisciplinary case conferencing on request and our friendly team can assist in coordinating these.

The referral form can be downloaded from our [website](#) and all referrals can be sent to our securely encrypted [email address](#).

To date we have completed 10 successful clinics with patients referred by a total of 18 different medical practitioners spread out between Ballarat to Nhill, offering telehealth and face to face appointments to reduce as many barriers to this much needed service as possible.

The current waiting period for an appointment with Dr. Adam Straub is only two weeks however, this is expected to increase as more healthcare professionals are introduced to the service.

There may be some capacity presently for Dr. Adam Straub to attend a virtual meet and greet with interested medical practitioners. For more information please contact your local Orticare Pharmacotherapy Liaison Officer or send us an email.

**DOWNLOAD**



*click icon to download OMC forms*



## MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR OPIOID DEPENDENCE

RACGP and the Victorian Department of Health (DoH) provide fully funded MATOD training to general practitioners, specialists, and nurse practitioners throughout the state of Victoria, so that they are equipped to practise opioid pharmacotherapy in Victoria.

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The entire RACGP MATOD training package is available online.

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### Module 1 | Safer Opioid Prescribing

An introduction to implement safe and effective opioid prescribing and to recognise, prevent and respond to problematic opioid use.

CPD Code: 179335, 04 CPD points

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### Module 2 | Opioid Use Disorder, Pharmacology and Dosing

A comprehensive series of modules with videos and interviews with MATOD experts.

CPD Code: 204937, 40 CPD points

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### Module 3 | Long-acting Injectable Buprenorphine

Builds on knowledge of prescribing and administering long-acting injecting buprenorphine, including how to select, initiate and manage patients who are using these new opioid substitutions.

CPD Code: 244688, 04 CPD points



# Orticare

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE



Orticare continues to offer a workforce development incentive payment to GPs who complete MATOD training.

For more details, contact us via the button below.



## KYNETON

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### WHEN PAIN GOES WRONG

**Guest speakers:** Dr. Paul MacCartney & Dr. Dean Membrey

**When:** 9th November 2022

**Time:** 6pm registration for a 6:30pm start - dinner provided

**Where:** Social Foundry, Kyneton

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## HORSHAM

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### WIMMERA AOD SERVICES SHOWCASE

**Guest speakers:** Jade Fischer, Emma Mackley, Dr. Adam Straub (AMS), Dr. Andrew Horwood, Sally Pymer & Cobie McQueen

**When:** 10th November 2022

**Time:** 6pm registration for a 6:30pm start - dinner provided

**Where:** Horsham Golf Club, Horsham

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## BENDIGO

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### WHEN PAIN GOES WRONG

**Guest speakers** (presenting virtually): Dr. Paul MacCartney & Dr. Dean Membrey

**When:** 23rd November 2022

**Time:** 6pm for a 6:30pm start - light meal provided

**Where:** La Trobe University Campus, Bendigo

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## BALLARAT

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### WHEN PAIN GOES WRONG

**Guest speakers:** Dr. Paul MacCartney & Dr. Dean Membrey

**When:** 29th November 2022

**Time:** 7:15am for a 7:30am start - breakfast provided

**Where:** Ballarat Yacht Club, Lake Wendouree

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# VICTORIAN OPIOID MANAGEMENT **ECHO**

We are using ECHO to bring specialist knowledge and support in opioid management to Primary Care practitioners throughout Victoria.

Every Wednesday from 7:30am - 8:30am

Case presentation & discussion

Free to access

[REGISTER](#)



For more information visit [echo.pabn.org.au](http://echo.pabn.org.au)



# VOPP TRAINING FOR PHARMACISTS

PSA offers the following training programs to enable pharmacists and pharmacy staff deliver a safe and patient-centred Opioid Replacement Therapy (ORT) service.

- Victorian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program (VOPP) for pharmacists and pharmacy staff
- Long Acting Injectable Buprenorphine Administration by Pharmacists Training (LAIB Training) – for pharmacists

## WHY ARE THESE PROGRAMS IMPORTANT?

The aim of these training programs is to provide pharmacists and pharmacy support staff with the relevant knowledge, skills and tools required to deliver a safe and patient-centred Opioid Replacement Therapy (ORT) service.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

The VOPP and LAIB training

- are FREE for all pharmacists and pharmacy staff in Victoria
- have all you need to know about delivering an ORT service
- help you establish your pharmacy to support patients with an opioid dependence
- enable you to play a key role in reducing the health, social and economic harms to individuals and the community

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# ARTICLES OF INTEREST

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## KEY FINDINGS FROM THE NATIONAL ILLICIT DRUGS REPORTING SYSTEM (IDRS) INTERVIEWS

The Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) is a national illicit drug monitoring system that has been conducted annually since 2000, and is part of Drug Trends.

The IDRS interviews people who inject drugs (PWID) from every capital city of Australia and provides an analysis and examination of indicator data sources related to illicit drugs. It is designed to be sensitive to trends, providing data in a timely manner, rather than describing issues in detail.

The 2022 IDRS report provides the most up-to-date findings of the IDRS interviews from 2000 to 2022 with people who regularly inject illicit drugs.

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## DEATHS CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND SINCE SAFESCRIPT

More than two million red or amber alerts were triggered last year alone, as Victoria sees annual overdose deaths trending downwards for the first time in a decade

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## NEW REPORT FINDS 171 DRUG-RELATED HOSPITALISATIONS PER DAY IN AUSTRALIA 2020-21

There were 62,486 drug-related hospitalisations (excluding alcohol and tobacco) among Australians in 2020-21, according to a new report released by the Drug Trends program at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), UNSW Sydney.



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## INTERROGATING THE GENDER GAP IN OVERDOSE DEATHS

We examine alleged causes of the higher overdose death toll among men - and explain why it may mask a more complex story about gender and drugs.

Australia's Annual Overdose Report 2022 found that men accounted for 71.3% of unintentional drug-induced deaths (UDIDs) in 2020, and they reliably make up around two-thirds of UDIDs. The report also found that, while the incidence of UDIDs is increasing for both men and women, it is increasing more rapidly for men. Since 2012 the number of unintentional deaths among men increased by 45%, while deaths among women increased by 12%.

# Essential resources

## **VICTORIAN PHARMACOTHERAPY AREA-BASED NETWORKS**

Support for health professionals to prevent, identify and manage opioid dependence

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## **DIRECTLINE**

Confidential counselling for people of all ages and backgrounds who are affected by alcohol or other drugs. It also provides referral to specialist AOD treatment service

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## **VICTORIAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PHARMACOTHERAPY**

Standards to ensure consistent best and safe clinical practice in treating opioid dependent patients

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## **RECONNEXION**

A benzodiazepine dependency counselling, mental health, phone support, education and training service

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## **PHARMACOTHERAPY ADVOCACY & MEDIATION SUPPORT SERVICE (PAMS)**

Phone-based information, support, advocacy and referral for pharmacotherapy clients

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## **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL HEP DRUG INTERACTIONS**

Evidence-based drug-drug interaction resource, freely available to healthcare workers, patients and researchers

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## **DRUG & ALCOHOL CLINICAL ADVISORY SERVICE**

DACAS is a specialist telephone consultancy service that is free of charge for health and welfare professionals

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## **MEDUCATE**

On-demand education for doctors, clinicians, health professionals and the public using the latest technology and expert educators to produce bespoke training packages

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