

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR GPs

Turning Point also provides the following services for Victorian GPs to support patients with alcohol, pharmaceutical and other drug use disorders or problem gambling.



DACAS 1800 812 804 (toll free) is a 24 hour, 7 day a week, telephone secondary consultation for health professionals, to assist with diagnosis, clinical management and treatment options for patients with drug and alcohol problems including pharmaceutical dependence.



Addiction Medicine Specialist Service provides enhanced specialist alcohol and drug consultancy either face-to-face or via telehealth for assessment, treatment planning and/or short-term care of patients referred by their GPs for opinion and management of alcohol, pharmaceutical and other drug use disorders, or problem gambling.

For referral to this service, please fax referral to **9486 9766** or email **info_group@turningpoint.org.au**



The Turning Point Addiction Medicine Unit is a state-wide residential detox service for patients that require medical withdrawal and stabilisation management of alcohol, pharmaceutical and/or other drug use disorders and associated comorbidities. Stabilisation management includes commencement on opioid replacement therapy, management of complex withdrawal and/or management of other medical and psychological health issues.

For referral to this service, please email **ecadsintake@turningpoint.org.au** or contact **1800 778 278**

The SafeScript GP Clinical Advisory Service is funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.



THE SAFESCRIPT GENERAL PRACTITIONER CLINICAL ADVISORY SERVICE



A peer to peer service helping Victorian general practitioners support patients with high-risk prescription medication concerns



Contact via DACAS

1800 812 804



WHAT IS THE SAFESCRIPT GP CLINICAL ADVISORY SERVICE?

The SafeScript General Practitioner (GP) Clinical Advisory Service is a peer to peer secondary consultation and mentoring service for Victorian GPs with patient issues relating to high-risk prescription medications identified through SafeScript.

Please refer to the Department of Health and Human Service website — health.vic for the full list of medications monitored through SafeScript (a real-time prescription monitoring system).



WHO PROVIDES INFORMATION AND ADVICE?

All our SafeScript GP Clinical Advisors have completed a comprehensive education program with supervision and peer reviews by addiction medicine, addiction psychiatry and pain medicine specialists.

For more information about our GP Clinical Advisors go to www.dacas.org.au or email gpclinicaladvisors@turningpoint.org.au



HOW DO I GET IN CONTACT WITH A SAFESCRIPT GP CLINICAL ADVISOR?

Call Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS) on 1800 812 804 and ask to be referred to a GP Clinical Advisor in your local area.

Within two (2) business days a SafeScript GP Clinical Advisor will be in contact to arrange a time for secondary consultation and/or mentoring.



WHAT SUPPORT DOES THE SAFESCRIPT GP CLINICAL ADVISORY SERVICE PROVIDE?

SafeScript GP Clinical Advisors are able to provide support with:

- Managing the prescribing and quality use of medications for pain, anxiety and sedation,
- Assessing patients for risk of addiction,
- Management planning for patients with complex needs,
- Managing requests for drugs of dependence monitored through SafeScript,
- Options for treatment of prescription drug use disorders.

Secondary Consultations

If you require non-immediate secondary consultation, you will be referred to a SafeScript GP Clinical Advisor, who will be in contact with you in two (2) business days.

Any immediate advice that requires a turnaround of less than 24 hours will be referred to one of our DACAS consultants, who respond within an hour.

Mentoring

Mentoring is provided by a SafeScript GP Clinical Advisor and involves up to three (3) consecutive consultations about a particular patient(s) or clinical issue(s) related to SafeScript.



WHEN DOES THE SERVICE START?

The SafeScript GP Clinical Advisory Service is available from November 2018 in the Western Victoria Primary Health Network and the rest of Victoria from April 2019.