

Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME)

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Definitions

“Postgraduate Trainee” in this policy refers to residents, fellows (including Area of Focused Competence, AFC) and International fellows registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC and holding a postgraduate (fellow) or postgraduate (resident) educational license.

Policy

1. Postgraduate Trainees may be allowed to prescribe any medications, including narcotics, but excluding methadone, from the first day of the first month of Postgraduate Training, under supervision. **The name of the supervising physician is to be printed on the prescription.**
2. For the purpose of prescribing narcotics, the Postgraduate Trainee (in programs that require this option) will be provided a duplicate pad that will contain the printed name of the Trainee, and CPS ID Number. As well, the Trainee is to print the name of the supervising physician at that time on the prescription.
3. The ability to prescribe medication is restricted to patients seen by the Postgraduate Trainee under the auspices of their postgraduate training program.
4. The Program Director must notify the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC if any concerns arise as to the competency of the Postgraduate Trainee to prescribe medications including narcotics. The Program Director may withhold approval of prescribing privileges of any Postgraduate Trainee until the Program Director is satisfied that the Trainee is competent to prescribe medication.
5. Prescribing privileges are not granted to visiting or elective Postgraduate Trainees.
6. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC reserves the right to withdraw prescribing privileges at any time.

Related Policies and Resources

UBC PGME Prescription Privileges webpage

<https://postgrad.med.ubc.ca/current-trainees/policies-procedures/prescription-privileges/>

College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC - Safe Prescribing of Opioids and Sedatives

<https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/PSG-Safe-Prescribing.pdf>

College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC - Prescription Privileges for Postgraduates

<https://www.cpsbc.ca/registrants/programs/drug-programs/cpp/rx-pad/postgraduates>

Canadian Medical Association – Code of Ethics and Professionalism

<https://www.cma.ca/cma-code-ethics-and-professionalism>

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