



Re: New Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment (iOAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) order set for regional use

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To: Order Set users including Providers, Nurses, Pharmacists, NUAs

From: Medication Safety & Addictions Medicine and Substance Use (AMSU)

Background:

iOAT is an evidence-based treatment option for individuals diagnosed with moderate to severe OUD who inject opioids. The iOAT order set is designed to provide up-to-date ordering and practice guidance for the continuation of community initiated iOAT during acute care admissions. The order set, and embedded mini sets, were released to VGH, NRGH and RJH in spring 2024 and are now available for use at all acute care sites across the region.

What do I need to know?

For all non CPOE activated acute care sites, the following paper order sets are now available via the [Island Health Order Sets Library](#) in the [Addiction Medicine](#) folder:

- Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment (iOAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) (Module)
- Substance Withdrawal Adjunctive Medications (Mini-Set)
- Addiction Medicine Laboratory (Mini-Set)

For CPOE activated sites, the order sets are available in Cerner PowerChart.

Nursing: Please use the [Point of Care Companion Document](#) when providing care to patients receiving iOAT.

Prescriber and Nursing resources: iOAT prescribing in acute care is a new practice at Island Health. To support you, AMSU has comprehensive practice support resources posted on the staff intranet: [Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment \(iOAT\) \(islandhealth.ca\)](#).

What do I need to do?

- Please remove outdated order sets from your unit.
- Review practice support resources [Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment \(iOAT\) \(islandhealth.ca\)](#)
- For questions relating to iOAT, please email amsu@islandhealth.ca
- For general order set enquiries, please contact the Medication Safety Order Set Team at orderset@islandhealth.ca.

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