

Expression of Interest

Position title	Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) GP Clinical Lead
Reporting to	COORDINARE Medical Director COORDINARE Associate Director, Mental Health, Alcohol & Other Drugs
Location	GP must be practicing in South Eastern NSW region
Hours	Estimated up to 4 hours per week over the duration of the project. Hours can be negotiated in line with project requirements.
Remuneration	\$25,000 for 12 months

COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (SENSW PHN) is seeking expressions of interest for an Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) GP Clinical lead to support the integration of Opioid Dependence Treatment (ODT) into General Practice. We are looking for an experienced ODT GP to provide guidance and support to new GP prescribers and to establish a Community of Practice (CoP) for all ODT prescribers in the region.

Organisational context

COORDINARE aspires to foster better and more equitable health outcomes for all communities in South Eastern NSW. We believe that communities flourish when people can access healthcare and are activated to manage their own health. We collaborate to co-design comprehensive system-level improvements that reduce barriers and improve access to community-centric care for everyone in our region. We strive to reduce system complexity and health inequity.

Our priorities are to make care more accessible, systemised, and to support communities to improve their health. COORDINARE recognises that general practice and other primary health care professionals are integral to a person-focused, efficient health care system as they are the central point of contact for most health care.

Background

COORDINARE is working closely with the Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD and Southern NSW LHD to increase the number of active ODT prescribers in our region to support people with AOD needs and build GP capacity and capability. This project will support:

- Up to 20 General Practitioners to engage in training and participate in an online community of practice to increase knowledge and skills in the opioid dependency treatment program
- Participating GPs to accept the transfer of care of minimum of five (5) patients who have been stabilised on their Opioid replacement therapy, for ongoing ODT management and routine general practice care for a minimum period of 12 months.
 - Note: patients currently on methadone will be excluded from this trial, the focus will be on stable patients using suboxone and depot buprenorphine.

- The development of referral and communication pathways to support a shared care approach between tertiary and primary health care settings.

The Role

To support the initiative, we are seeking an GP clinical lead who can contribute to the project's success, including:

- Provision of phone support to participating GPs in their management of stable ODT patients in the shared care approach with LHDs (a localised adjunct to the state wide Drug and Alcohol Specialist Advisory Service ([DASAS](#)))
- Supporting and contributing to the delivery of an online Community of Practice
- Assisting in the development and ongoing management of referral and communication pathways between GP and LHD AOD services.

This role will require approximately 2- 4 hours per week over the duration of the project. Hours can be negotiated in line with project requirements.

Selection criteria

Essential

1. Definitive experience in supporting patients on opioid dependency treatment programs in a community setting and current knowledge of available ODT treatment options
2. Capacity to fulfill the role (approximately 2-4 hours per week), with flexibility to attend early morning/evening meetings as scheduled
3. Excellent communication skills
4. Full medical registration with AHPRA
5. Membership with professional body (FRACGP, FRANZCP or FAFPHM)
6. Medical indemnity insurance

Desirable

1. Previous experience in general practitioner training or mentoring
2. Experience/training in ODT outpatient or hospital settings
3. Opioid Treatment Accreditation Course (OTAC) certification

Remuneration

\$25,000 for 12 months

How to Apply

We invite applicants to submit an expression of interest via email: commissioning@coordinare.org.au. Expressions of Interest will remain open until COB Friday 6 September 2024.

To make further enquiries about this opportunity please contact Dr Katherine Michelmore, Medical Director on 0439 450 989.