

Nurse Practitioner FAQ's

Are NPs authorized to prescribe Buprenorphine (Suboxone) in New Brunswick?

NPs can prescribe this Schedule I drug if they have the competence to do so. There is no legislative barrier preventing NPs from prescribing buprenorphine in New Brunswick, and the NANB has not listed this drug as an exception in Schedule C of the Nurse Practitioner Schedules for Ordering.

As with any drug, the NANB requires NPs to adhere to legislation, regulatory standards and employer policies when prescribing.

Although the NANB is not requesting to see proof of course completion, an NP should complete (and have proof of completion) of an evidence-informed learning module on buprenorphine, before prescribing it. Two evidence informed sources for attaining competence in prescribing buprenorphine are:

<https://www.suboxonetrainingprogram.ca>

<http://www.camh.ca/en/education/about/AZCourses/Pages/BUP.aspx>