Nova Scotia Methadone Dispensing

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This document describes the recommended way to setup and dispense Methadone mixtures.

Methadone is commercially available as a solution of 1mg/ml, 10 mg/ml and as powder in 1gm, 25 gms, and 100 gms. The current MAC price for this is $0.005 per mg.

The illustrations below show you how to set up Methadone Drug Cards and MAC prices for these products.

Metadol 1mg/ml
Methadone Powder – 1gm
Methadone Powder – 25 gm

Methadone Powder – 100 gm
DIS Enabled Stores

For DIS enabled stores, you must also include the OPINIONS number on the Plans tab of the Ingredient card and make sure to check the Triplicate flag on the Monitored Ingredient card.
Compounded Methadone

Compounded Methadone should be set up in the compounding cards as below. Methadone is then dispensed in the **Mg Dosage** that the patient is to receive.

For Methadone compounded from Powder, it is essential to set up the OPINIONS PIN on the original ingredient drug card.

When setting up this compound, it is optional to include the tang component. However some users may find it helpful. The label will reflect the number of mg in the bottle, and not necessarily the actual solution strength.

**Viewing the Compounded Methadone**

1. From the **F5-Drug** card, enter the drug name in the search criteria and place a check mark next to **Mixture**. The **F5 - Mixture** screen appears with a list of records matching the search criteria.
Transferring a Regular Drug Card to a Mixture

For stores who do not currently have their methadone set up as mixtures, the stores now have the option to simply move their regular methadone cards into mixture cards, or to move to the recommended methadone setup.

If a store chooses to leave their methadone as the regular card, then they will need to:

1. Create a new mixture, with one ingredient of the original regular methadone drug card.
2. Add the **OPINIONS** PIN to the original ingredient card.
3. Create a new Mixture Card, using the Regular Drug Card as the sole ingredient.

**NOTE:** NS DIS does not allow Mixtures to be sent as Regular Drugs.

If setting up a Methadone mixture card to use the one sole ingredient, the pricing will continue to be the same as long as the user has assigned the same drug price group.

For example, if the user formerly had a Methadone drug price group set on the original regular drug card, then the user will need to utilize the same Methadone drug price group on the compound card while creating the mixture card.
The below example shows a sample methadone filled on an original regular drug card, and the same mixture as the single ingredient on the new mixture card utilizing the pricing groups.