

This policy provides guidance to registrants employed in a community pharmacy which provides injectable opioid agonist maintenance treatment.

**1. INJECTABLE HYDROMORPHONE POLICY STATEMENTS:**

***Effective September 1, 2018:***

1. Injectable hydromorphone maintenance treatment must only be dispensed as an approved, commercially available single-use vial formulation.
2. The College of Pharmacists of British Columbia (CPBC) *Injectable Hydromorphone Maintenance Treatment Policy Guide (2018)* is in force.
3. All pharmacy managers, staff pharmacists, relief pharmacists and pharmacy technicians employed in a community pharmacy that provides pharmacist supervision of injectable hydromorphone opioid maintenance treatment must:
  - a) know and apply the principles and guidelines outlined in the CPBC *Injectable Hydromorphone Maintenance Treatment Policy Guide (2018)* and all subsequent revisions,
  - b) have implemented all necessary practice requirements identified in the CPBC *Injectable Hydromorphone Maintenance Treatment Policy Guide (2018)*,
  - c) be familiar with the information included in the most recent version of British Columbia Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU) *Guidance for Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder*, and
  - d) be familiar with the information included in the product monographs of approved, commercially available formulations.