

NSPMP STRATEGIC PLAN 2017 TO 2020



MISSION

To promote the appropriate use and to reduce the inappropriate use of opioids, benzodiazepines, and other monitored drugs.

CORE PROGRAMS

In pursuit of its mission, the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program (NSPMP) is committed to excellence in its core functions of:

1

DATA COLLECTION

Through collaboration with the Nova Scotia Drug Information System, the NSPMP will maintain robust data, accurately representing the prescribing and dispensing of monitored drugs in Nova Scotia.

2

CASE IDENTIFICATION

Through surveillance of its database, the NSPMP will identify and respond to patients, prescribers, and pharmacies at risk. The NSPMP will continue to enhance its High Prescriber Initiative.

3

INFORMATION SHARING

Where permissible and appropriate, the NSPMP will share prescribing, dispensing and monitoring information.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Building on its core programs, the NSPMP will focus on improving efforts to enable:

1

EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF BENZODIAZEPINES

The NSPMP will expand to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of benzodiazepines.

The NSPMP will develop and implement approaches to target cases of inappropriate prescribing of benzodiazepines, either alone or in combination with other monitored drugs.

2

IMPROVING THE FIRST PRESCRIPTION

The NSPMP will develop interventions focused on the initiation of opioid therapy.

3

GOVERNANCE

Working with the NSPMP Board, Medavie Blue Cross, and the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness, the NSPMP will develop an approach to planning and resourcing its work going forward.