



## CONTROLLED PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM

### Requirements for Prescribing Controlled Substances

The College of Dental Surgeons of BC (CDSBC) participates in the Duplicate Prescription Program. The Program was cooperatively developed through the Ministry of Health and the licensing bodies of dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. It was established to help eliminate abuse and diversion of certain pharmaceutical drugs.

Those dentists who wish to prescribe any of the monitored drugs must subscribe to the Program by ordering their duplicate prescription pads through the CDSBC. Dentists without these pads cannot prescribe the monitored drugs. The College of Physicians and Surgeons provides the monitoring service for the processing of the pads, as the vast majority of prescriptions for the monitored substances are produced by physicians. The College of Physicians and Surgeons does all the data entry into a computer system and the CDSBC has access to the data concerning its members. This includes the ability to generate prescriber and patient profiles, observe prescribing habits and detect changing trends, and identify patients who are “multiple-doctoring”, to name a few.

The prescription pads are personalized for each dentist, numerically recorded, and cannot be exchanged between prescribers. An initial request for participation in the Program will result in 50 prescription scripts (2 pads) being made available to you. *Some practitioners may require more from the outset due to the nature of their practice and, if so, you must advise in writing.* Currently, there is no cost for these prescription pads.

Practitioners practising as a locum in more than one office are not required to have their practice address imprinted on the prescription scripts; however, your name and College registration number **must** be imprinted. Only when you are writing the prescription must you then add the practice address.

For more information, see the College Policy Statement on Prescribing and Dispensing Drugs at:

[http://exchange/pdf/Prescribing\\_Dispensing\\_Drugs\\_Jan\\_2005.pdf](http://exchange/pdf/Prescribing_Dispensing_Drugs_Jan_2005.pdf)

For those dentists intending to participate in the Controlled Prescription Program, please complete the attached order form and return it to the CDSBC. For re-orders, complete the re-order form on the prescription pad and send it to the CDSBC, or contact Ms. Debbie Minton at 604-736-3621 or 1-800-663-9169. All orders take approximately 7-10 working days and there is a maximum of 50 prescription scripts per order.