

## Supervised Consumption of Methadone - Amnesty

### SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION OF METHADONE

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**\*\* EVEN A SMALL DOSE OF METHADONE CAN KILL SOMEONE NOT USED TO TAKING IT \*\***

As you are currently in hospital your methadone requires to be supervised. Before this starts you are offered a 'Drug Amnesty' – that is a chance to explain if you have not been taking the full amount of methadone prescribed for you. If the dose you are prescribed is more than you have actually been taking the prescription can be changed to the correct safe dose. Discussing this now will not affect your treatment programme and your methadone will not be stopped although the dose may be changed. You may overdose and die if you take a higher dose of methadone than you are used to.

**BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS -**

I understand the dangers of taking more than my usual amount of methadone. The dosage stated, \_\_\_\_\_ mg, is the normal amount that I take, my body is used to this dose [tolerant] and I am prepared to take this under supervision during my admission. ·

Patient's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed the above points with this patient (*print name below*)

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Prescriber's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_