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CONSULTATIONS ARE  
AVAILABLE WITH OUR  
ADDICTION MEDICINE SPECIALIST

For medical, nursing and clinical healthcare professionals  
working in the Grampians or Loddon Mallee regions

## WHAT IS RAMPS?

RAMPS is an Addiction Medicine Specialist service available exclusively to health care professionals within the Grampians Loddon Mallee. It provides for secondary consultations with Addiction Medicine Specialists from the Department of Addiction Medicine at St Vincent's Hospital. The service is available by appointment only. Following the consultation, a written report shall be forwarded to the referring health care professional.

The RAMPS service can provide expert secondary consultations for cases where:

- There is concern about a patient's opioid dependence - including patients with chronic pain conditions
- The patient may be suitable for or is currently on opioid replacement therapy (pharmacotherapy)
- There are other/multiple concerns about a patient's alcohol or drug misuse
- Expert advice is required regarding a medical withdrawal.

RAMPS consultations will be conducted via video conferencing using the Health Direct secure video conferencing platform. Health Direct is simple to use – all you need is access to the Google Chrome web browser and a device with a camera and microphone. Telephone consultations may be available upon request.

## WHEN IS RAMPS AVAILABLE?

RAMPS is available every Monday at 2:00pm. Bookings for consultations need to be made in advance no later than 12:00pm of the preceding Friday.

## OTHER SUPPORTS

**Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service (DACAS)** | DACAS is a free 24-hour specialist telephone consultancy service for health and welfare professionals. Phone 1800 812 804

**SafeScript GP Clinical Advisory Service** | a peer-to-peer advice and mentoring service for Victorian general practitioners and nurse practitioners managing patients with high-risk prescription medication use identified through SafeScript. Contact DACAS (VIC) on 1800 812 804 and ask to be referred to a GPCAS Clinical Advisor in your local area. Education sessions with GP Clinical Advisors can also be booked to contacting [gpclinicaladvisors@turningpoint.org.au](mailto:gpclinicaladvisors@turningpoint.org.au)