

NEW METHADONE IS COMING!

You might have questions!

WHAT IS CHANGING?



The **kind of liquid** given at the pharmacy will be different.
It will have a **new brand name**.

WHAT IS THE SAME?

- You will still get methadone at the same dose.
- It will look and taste the same.
- How your pharmacy gives it and how much it costs can stay the same.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

The brand names of the new methadone products to choose from are:

Metadol-D® and **Methadose™ Sugar-Free**

- These are both **clear** and have **no flavour** until they are **mixed with juice**.
- **Some people taking methadone prefer the brand Metadol-D®**—
“It seems to work better.”
- **Discuss with your care providers to decide together which brand to choose.**



Methadose™ Cherry-Flavoured could be a choice for some BUT it **looks and tastes different** AND **some people have had withdrawals on it.**
NOT RECOMMENDED as a first choice.

WHY THE CHANGE?

The new methadone will improve safety.
It comes pre-mixed so it will always be made the same way.

HOW WILL I FEEL AFTER THE CHANGE?

- Some people will feel the same as before. Some might notice a difference.
- You know your body best. If you feel worse, **talk to someone** like your methadone prescriber or pharmacist, or call HealthLine 811.

Methadone might feel like your lifeline.

Partner with your care providers to keep it working that way.



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<https://medsask.usask.ca/professional-practice/information-for-people-taking-methadone>

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