



Addictions Medicine Consult Service (AMCS)

What services does AMCS provide?

AMCS provides verbal evidence-informed **clinical advice** and **guidance** to:

- Diagnose and manage substance use disorders in adults, adolescents, and children; and
- Manage medications related to substance use.

What services are **NOT** provided?

- Direct patient care (including writing prescriptions).
- Written consultation report.
- Appointment booking.
- Arranging for laboratory or diagnostic investigations or hospital bed.
- Advice on safe opioid prescribing or chronic pain concerns unrelated to substance use disorders.

How do I document the consultation?

Individuals requesting a consult are to document according to their professional regulatory body.

Addictions Medicine Consult Service (AMCS) provides rapid Addictions Medicine consultant advice to a variety of Nova Scotia healthcare providers by telephone.

What days and times is the AMCS available?

The AMCS is available **Monday to Friday** from **8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**
Call toll-free: **1-855-970-0234**.

* Voicemail only evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Who can access AMCS?

Community pharmacists as well as physicians and nurse practitioners working in Mental Health and Addictions (including Offender Health), Primary Care, Emergency Departments, and Acute Care in Nova Scotia.

Can I e-mail or fax an addictions medicine consultant for advice?

AMCS advice is only available by telephone at this time.

How quickly can I expect a call back from the consultant?

We aim to call back within two hours. If you call after operational hours, your call will be returned the next business day.

Can family physicians acquire continuing education credits?

Mainpro+ may be available through linking learning to practice: <https://www.cfpc.ca/en/home>

To learn more about our Mental Health and Addictions Program visit: MHAhelpns.ca