



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Access to Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) in Kuala Lumpur

#### **I am on Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST). Can I get the medication while in Kuala Lumpur?**

Conference participants who are on Opioid Substitution Therapy and need access to methadone or buprenorphine during their stay in Kuala Lumpur are asked to contact the First Aid Centre at the Conference Venue. A dedicated team of health professionals will help delegates to access services. If delegates need more information outside the conference venue opening hours, please contact Mara Nakagawa-Harwood at +60 11 230 35811. No medication will be available at the conference venue.

#### **Which drugs are available in Kuala Lumpur and in which form?**

Alternative medicines, including methadone and buprenorphine, are not available at KL pharmacies. Should you need either of these medications during your stay in Malaysia, please contact Dr Ilias Yee at the First Aid Centre at the Conference Venue for an assessment.

#### **Can I carry methadone or buprenorphine with me to Malaysia?**

Yes. If you are carrying any prescribed medication you should carry it in its original packaging, together with your medical prescription and a brief note from your doctor/clinic, explaining why you are on the medication. We advise you to take your medication in your hand baggage. You can only bring into Malaysia a maximum of one month's supply of the medication. At arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, you will need to declare the medication at Malaysian Customs and will be referred to Pharmacy Enforcement officials to obtain entry clearance.

#### **What should I do if I relapse?**

You should contact the First Aid Centre in the conference venue and ask to be put in touch with the doctor of a local hospital.

In case of emergency, the number to call is 999, from a landline or 112 from a mobile phone (the patient will be driven to the nearest hospital).

#### **Is there a drug counseling centre near the conference venue?**

There will be a dedicated team providing drug counseling services during the conference. Please contact the First Aid Centre, during the opening hours or call +60 11 230 35911.