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Due to increased demands and appropriate resource allocation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory (RRPL) will be functioning off of a limited test menu of essential services effective immediately. RRPL Comprehensive Drugs of Abuse Screen will only be performed if one or more of the following criteria are met:

**NOTE:** Maintenance urine drug screening of stable patients or patients that do not meet the below criteria **WILL NOT** be performed at this time.

For **Comprehensive Drugs of Abuse Screen to be performed** attach completed form to RRPL requisition

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### Addictions Medicine
- Initiation of a new patient on opioid agonist therapy (OAT)
- Determining if carries of OAT (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone) are appropriate to comply with isolation or encourage social distancing
- Destabilization of patient/recent relapse

### Chronic Pain
- Initiation of opioids
- Transfer of prescribing of opioids from one clinician to another
- Patients on high doses (greater than 90 MME/day) of opioids being **tapered** where there is concern of destabilization/risk of relapse

### Maternal Wellness
- Where the results of screen may influence a child apprehension scenario
- Neonatal Abstinence - Newborn withdrawals
- Initiation of OAT in pregnancy
- Determining if carries of OAT (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone) are appropriate to comply with isolation or encourage social distancing

### Psychiatry (Recommend prior performance of a Toxicology Screen at an Acute Care Lab)
- Patients with psychosis and history of substance abuse
- Unexplained acute mental state changes in mental health presentations
- Patients referred for admission under youth detoxification & stabilization act

**Reference:** [RxFiles - URINE DRUG SCREENING (UDS): Collecting & Testing](#)

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