



## Pharmacists respond

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The recent media attention regarding the practice of paying "kickbacks" to methadone patients is just as concerning to the British Columbia **Pharmacy Association** as it is to the public.

**Pharmacists** are highly trained professionals who care deeply for their patients. Paying "kickbacks" is not mainstream practice.

The association hopes a quick and thorough investigation will provide answers that will resolve outstanding issues.

The association does not support practices that undermine patient care and that fall outside ethical guidelines. Serving the community featured in the recent articles can be challenging.

The large majority of **pharmacists** are doing good work to care of their patients, support the community and, above all, improve health.

When allegations of kickbacks have been brought to our attention, the association takes all immediate and necessary steps to inform the ministry of health.

We support all investigations of misconduct and support high ethical and moral standards.

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