

# Opioid Substitution Therapy and Harm Reduction Services

Before travelling to AIDS 2010, delegates should be aware that:

- ▶ You can take prescribed methadone or buprenorphine with you if you have a certificate and/or permit which confirms that the prescribed medicines are for your personal use.
- ▶ If you are currently on Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) but for legal restrictions unable to take the prescribed pharmaceuticals to Austria you may continue treatment under the following circumstances.
- ▶ In order to continue your OST you will have to have a valid prescription from your doctor and a copy of a letter of your doctor, both documents in German or English. You must present a valid ID (passport or driving license) in the clinic. Foreign prescriptions cannot be used directly in pharmacies.
- ▶ Delegates who are currently not on OST in their home country will not be able to start such a treatment in Vienna.
- ▶ Sterile needles and syringes can be bought freely at any pharmacy in Vienna.

## Harm Reduction Services at AIDS 2010

Opioid Substitution Therapy has been available in Austria since 1987. Currently more than 11,000 people receive OST in Austria, with 7,000 receiving OST in Vienna.

AIDS 2010 conference delegates who are on OST will be able to get prescriptions for methadone or buprenorphine from 17 to 24 July 2010.

Various services will be provided by two main walk-in clinics:



### 1<sup>st</sup> Line: ASK Clinic

This walk-in clinic provides the following services:

- ▶ Clinical examinations
- ▶ Urine testing
- ▶ Medical treatment
- ▶ Substitution therapy (prescribed medicines can be purchased with a doctor's prescription at any pharmacy in Vienna. Prices: Methadon 80 mg per day for 3 days approximately € 10,-, Buprenorphin (Subutex) 8 mg per tablet, pack with 7 pieces approximately € 50,-.

If you **do not** have a valid prescription and need treatment, visit the ASK during opening hours.

The following languages are spoken:  
German, English, Romanian, French, Polish, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, and Hindi.

Address: Döblerhofstrasse 10 A, ground floor,  
1030 Wien; phone: +43 1 4000 53485

E-Mail: office-ask@sd-wien.at,

Webaddress: [www.drogenhilfe.at](http://www.drogenhilfe.at) (German only)

Opening hours: Mon 08:00 – 19:00,

Tue-Fri 08:00 – 16:30



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Line: Ganslwirt Clinic

This walk-in clinic provides the following services:

- ▶ Clinical examinations and referrals
- ▶ Exchange of safer use kits (needles, syringes)
- ▶ Substitution therapy (medication has to be picked up with a doctor's prescription at a specified pharmacy and is free of charge there)
- ▶ Needles and syringes, as well as substitution medicines, are free for AIDS 2010 conference delegates who can prove that they are conference delegates and have an ID (such as passport or driving license).

German and English are spoken.

Address: Esterhazygasse 18, 1060 Wien;

phone: +43 1 586 04 38

Webaddress: [www.vws.or.at/ganslwirt](http://www.vws.or.at/ganslwirt)

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 09.00 – 18:00,

Sat-Sun 12.00 – 18:00

## At AIDS 2010

- ▶ If you need information about harm reduction services please go to the AIDS 2010 Desk after arriving at Vienna International Airport.
- ▶ While at the conference venue, visit the Networking Zone on harm reduction in the Global Village for any information concerning harm reduction, including services in Vienna.
- ▶ For free needles and syringes exchange or any emergency medical services, including drug overdose, please refer to the First Aid Centre located in Hall A, at the conference venue.

For further information contact Mara Nakagawa-Harwood: [mara@iasociety.org](mailto:mara@iasociety.org) or call +43 699 172 60 333 or +43 699 172 85543 respectively for all questions related to Harm Reduction Services at AIDS 2010.

**In case of an emergency (overdose or other critical conditions) call the ambulance service by phone at 144 or go to the nearest hospital.**



# Local plan from the conference venue to the clinics



## From Messegelände to Ganslwirt

- 1) Take the underground U2 (direction Karlsplatz) to **Volkstheater**.
- 2) Change to U3 (direction Ottakring) to **Neubaugasse** and take the exit **Amerlingstraße**
- 3) Turn right onto **Damböckgasse** and then left onto **Esterhazygasse**.
- 4) Follow **Esterhazygasse** to **Esterhazygasse 18**

## From Messegelände to ASK

- 1) Take the underground U2 (direction Karlsplatz) to **Volkstheater**.
- 2) Change to U3 (direction Simmering) to **Gasometer**.
- 3) Turn left onto **Rosa Fischer Gasse** and then right onto **Döblerhofstraße**.
- 4) Follow **Döblerhofstraße** to **Döblerhofstraße 10a**.