In Australia at any one time there are about 30000 people in custody or 170 adult prisoners per 100,000 people. This means there are significant numbers of people who have been in custody who are now in the community. The group of people who have been in custody typically have multiple health needs and may present some challenges when prescribing. These challenges can include poor literacy (and intellectual disability), a poor history of access to health services, a history of challenging behaviours and a history of poor decision making. This presentation will discuss strategies when prescribing for this group such as the use of thorough clinical evaluation, a multidisciplinary approach, the use of caution in the prescription of any substances which have the potential for abuse and the need for pragmatic and simple treatment plans.