



A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO OPIOID STEWARDSHIP

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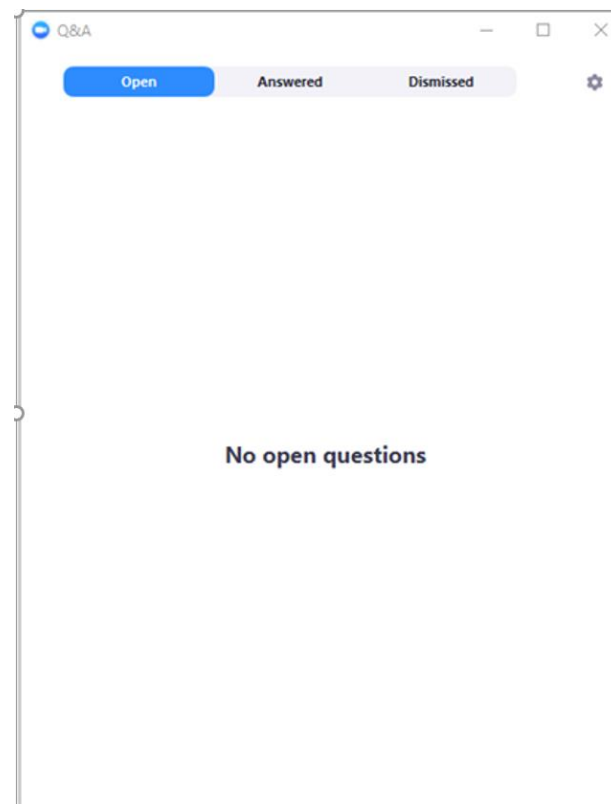
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Making Opioid Stewardship Actually Happen

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Problem Defined.

Opioid OD > Car Crash Deaths
Spike in synthetic drug use
Rising opioid deaths
After 5 days, 6% long term use

Vision seen...

Comprehensive Opioid Stewardship
at every site!

Solutions Explained.

Prevention: ALTO, Rx Guidelines
Treatment: MAT
Action: Naloxone,
needle exchange
counseling, etc.

Where you've been...

But how do we
make it happen?!

CA Bridge Model

Revolutionizing The System Of Care



Low-Barrier Treatment

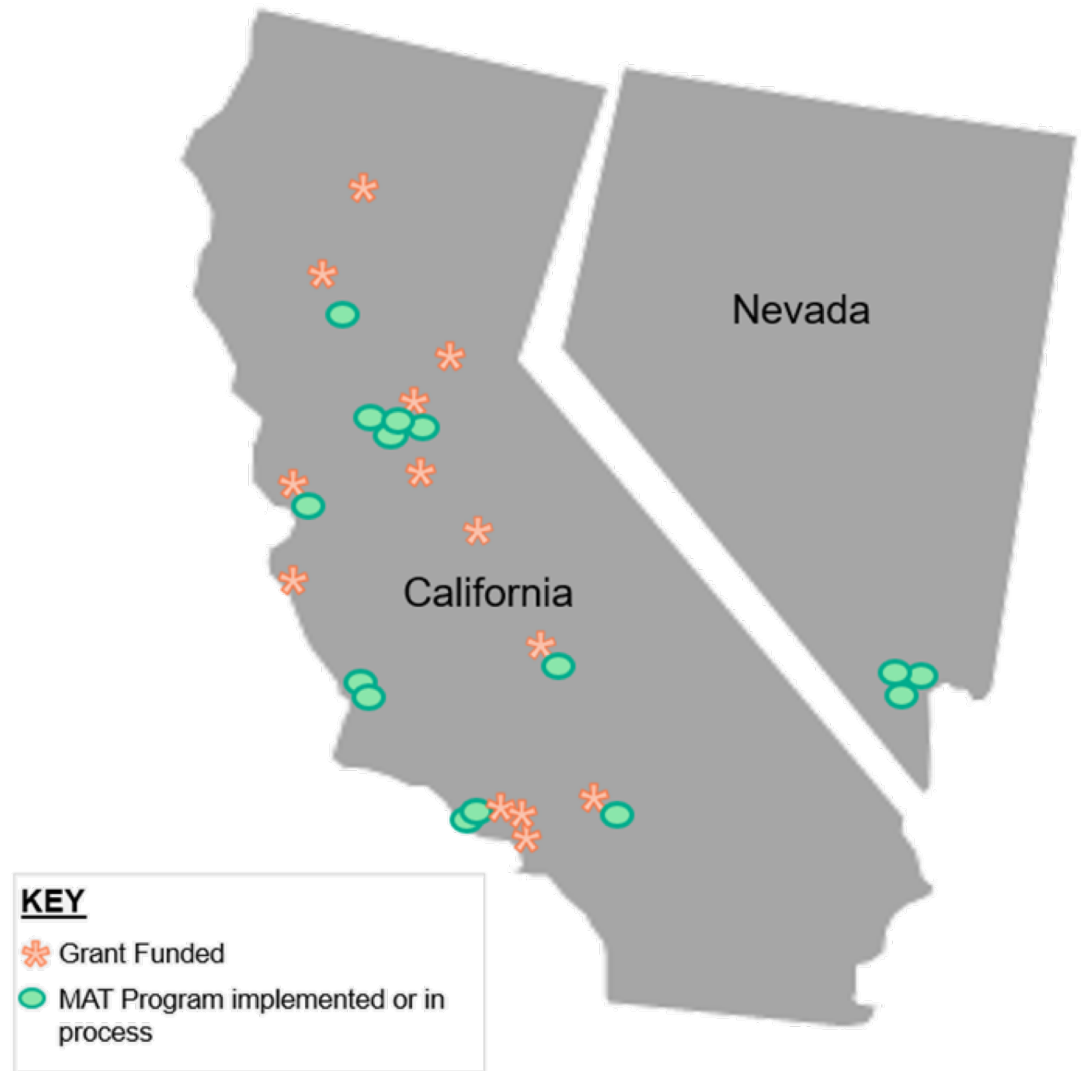


Connection to Care
and Community



Culture
of Harm Reduction

Starting out 2019: 28 sites







Pro Tip #1:

Establish Leaders.

Calendar logistics & reminders

Set the agenda

Support questions

Pro Tip #2:

Build a support network.

Site, hospital system, association...

Schedule regular touch bases

Gain & give accountability

Troubleshooting support

Opioid Stewardship Team Members

LOCAL TEAMS

- ED RN & Clinician
- Pharmacist
- Care Coordination
- Outpatient provider/contact
- Inpatient RN & Hospitalist
- Executive Sponsor

LARGER TEAMS

- Subject matter expert(s):
Clinician, RN, Pharmacy
- Admin/Technical Support
- Executive Sponsor/Support

+ Support from OHA, CA Bridge, ACEP, etc.

We've got a team.
Now what?!

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Blueprint for Hospital Opioid Use Disorder Treatment

*A patient-centered approach to 24/7 access
to medication for addiction treatment*

Implementation Checklist

Start Treatment

- ☐ Ensure buprenorphine is on formulary and available in the hospital.
- ☐ Share treatment protocols with nursing teams, pharmacy teams, and coordination teams (social work, case management, patient navigation) and post in visible locations.
- ☐ Ensure there are no barriers (e.g., unnecessary diagnostic testing) that delay the start of treatment.
- ☐ Provide medications on discharge.

Connect Patients to Ongoing Care

- ☐ Hire a substance use navigator (SUN) or dedicate other staff to link patients to care.
- ☐ Provide training and support to prepare navigators to function effectively.
- ☐ Establish informal or formal relationships with at least one clinic or outpatient setting that provides MAT.
- ☐ Develop patient materials including list of MAT follow-up options, discharge instructions, home start guidance, and harm reduction.
- ☐ Establish a patient-centered referral process including workflows for night and weekend follow-up.

Change Hospital Culture

- ☐ Learn about harm reduction and trauma-informed care and integrate them into your clinical practice.
- ☐ Educate providers and staff about the use of non-stigmatizing language through flyers or presentations.
- ☐ Print and hang patient-facing signs in ED lobby and patient care areas.

Initial Action Items

1. Identify important stakeholders & reach out! (ED, Pharmacy, Hospitalist, Outpatient)
2. Set up for *prevention & treatment*:
 1. Prepare site-branded **Opioid Prescribing Guidelines** & patient education
 2. Get **ALTO meds** on formulary
 3. Get **Buprenorphine** on formulary
 4. EHR ALTO/MAT **orders/order sets**
 5. **X-waiver** clinicians

Initial Action Items

3. Establish a **referral process with** at least one MAT clinic, & one Telehealth provider.
4. Designate a person responsible for the “warm handoff” / **linkage to care** – Substance Use Navigator, Social Worker, charge RN, etc.

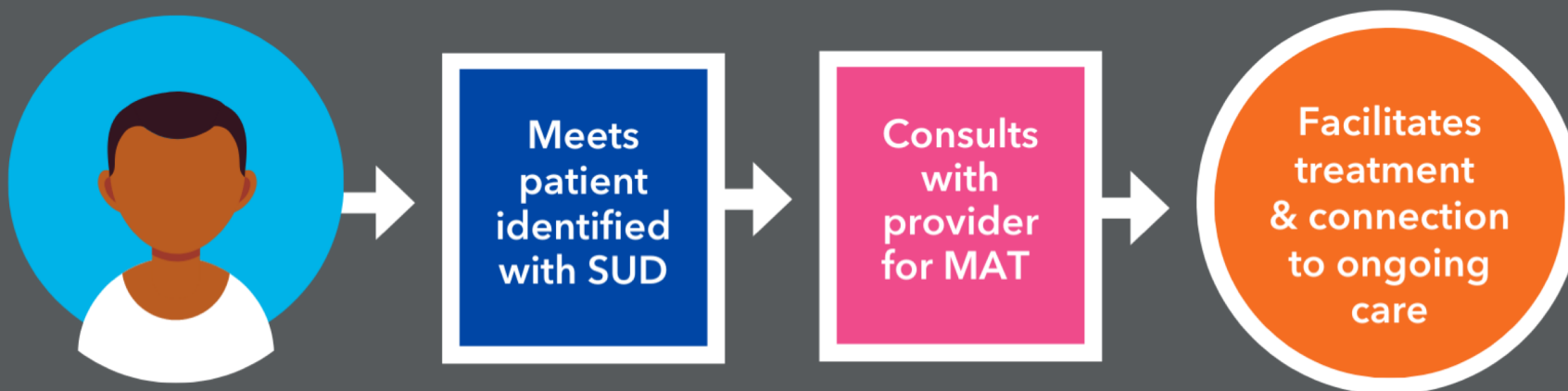
Substance Use Navigators

TRANSFORMING ADDICTION TREATMENT



The Substance Use Navigator

guides patients with acute substance use disorder (SUD) through the emergency department and beyond.



SUN Alternatives

Social Worker

PA / NP

Unit Clerk

Case Manager

Scribes

RN

Take home: Have staff equipped to facilitate the *bridge* to care – from the ED to the outpatient setting.

Warm Handoff Must Haves

- **In-person option** (<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>) and
- **Telehealth options:**
 - [Bicycle Health](#)
 - [Kaden Health](#)
 - [BrightHeart Health](#)
 - [Workit Health \(Ohio\)](#)
- **Smooth Referral Process** — *phone v. voicemail v. fax*
- **Patient support** — including clear instructions (in patient's language!) & who to call with questions
- **X-waivered ED team** to write Bup Rx

Pro Tip #3:

Create a smooth referral process for ongoing care.

Who, Where, & How

Initial Action Items

5. ****Education plan for everyone****

re: ALTO, Rx guidelines, & MAT basics

1. Pharmacy
2. RNs
3. Clinicians
4. Care Coordination

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Good news: This education *already exists!*

- [CA Bridge YouTube Channel](#) – Browse away!
Includes below and more re: substance use navigation, full spectrum opioid stewardship, alcohol use treatment, etc.
- [Alternatives to Opioids \(ALTO\)](#) in pain treatment
- [FAQ on MAT](#) – 12min basic intro for anybody!
- [Treating Acute Opioid Withdrawal in the ED](#) – 20min basics
- [RN Call to Action in MAT](#) – 7min
- [ASAM Buprenorphine Mini-Course](#) – 1hr, for clinicians

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Hospital and Clinician Resources

OHA and Cardinal Health have partnered to provide online resources to help advance clinical solutions to address the state's opioid crisis. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Pro Tip #4:

Map timeline for initial & subsequent Action Items.

Include education plan!

*Use CA Bridge & OHA
resources to help you*

We've got a plan.
Time to get 'em involved!

Sounds
great!
We're in!

I'm in... but
let's be real.
You're going
to have to
remind me!

Cool...
No
thanks.

Let Green Lights Shine!



Sounds
great!
We're in!

1. Let them *lead*!

Resource development
Present at meetings
Case examples
Pilot projects

2. Pair with weaker sites

Engage Yellow Lights



You're
going to
have to
remind
me!

1. Make remembering *easy*
Calendar invites & reminders
Accountability for absence
2. Make it *worth it*
Use their time *well!*
Share successes

Motivate Red Lights!

1. Do this... but later.
Iron the kinks out
Set the "standard"
Positive peer pressure!
2. Use an Executive Sponsor



Cool...
No
thanks.

Pro Tip #5:

Have a strategy for inclusion.

*How will you engage your green, yellow,
and red lights?*

When? On what timeline?

Pro Tip #6:

Secure Executive support.

**Chief Medical Officer*

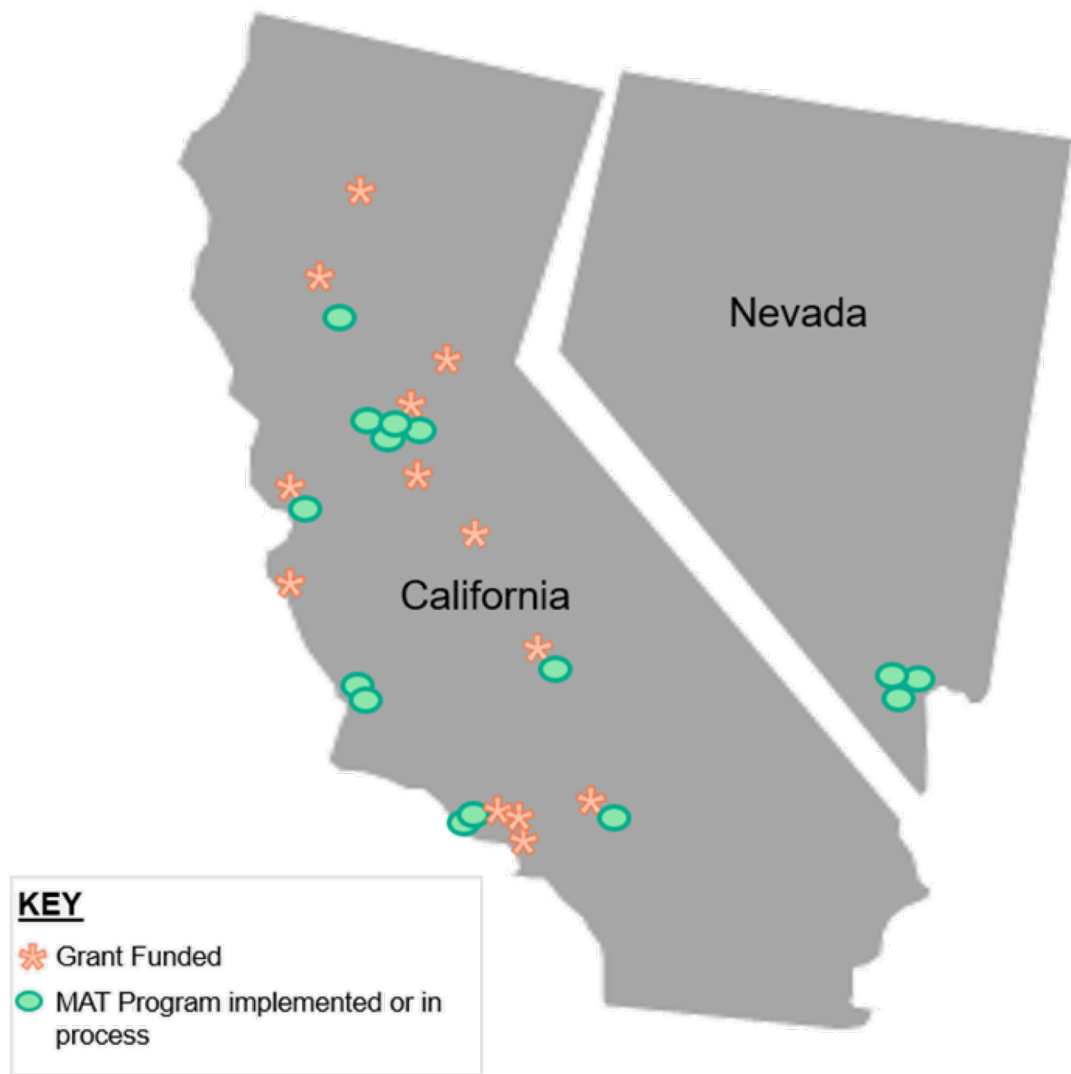
**Chief Nursing Executive/Officer*

**Quality Department*

Pharmacy / RN & Dept Medical Directors

We did all of this in CA
and it's working...

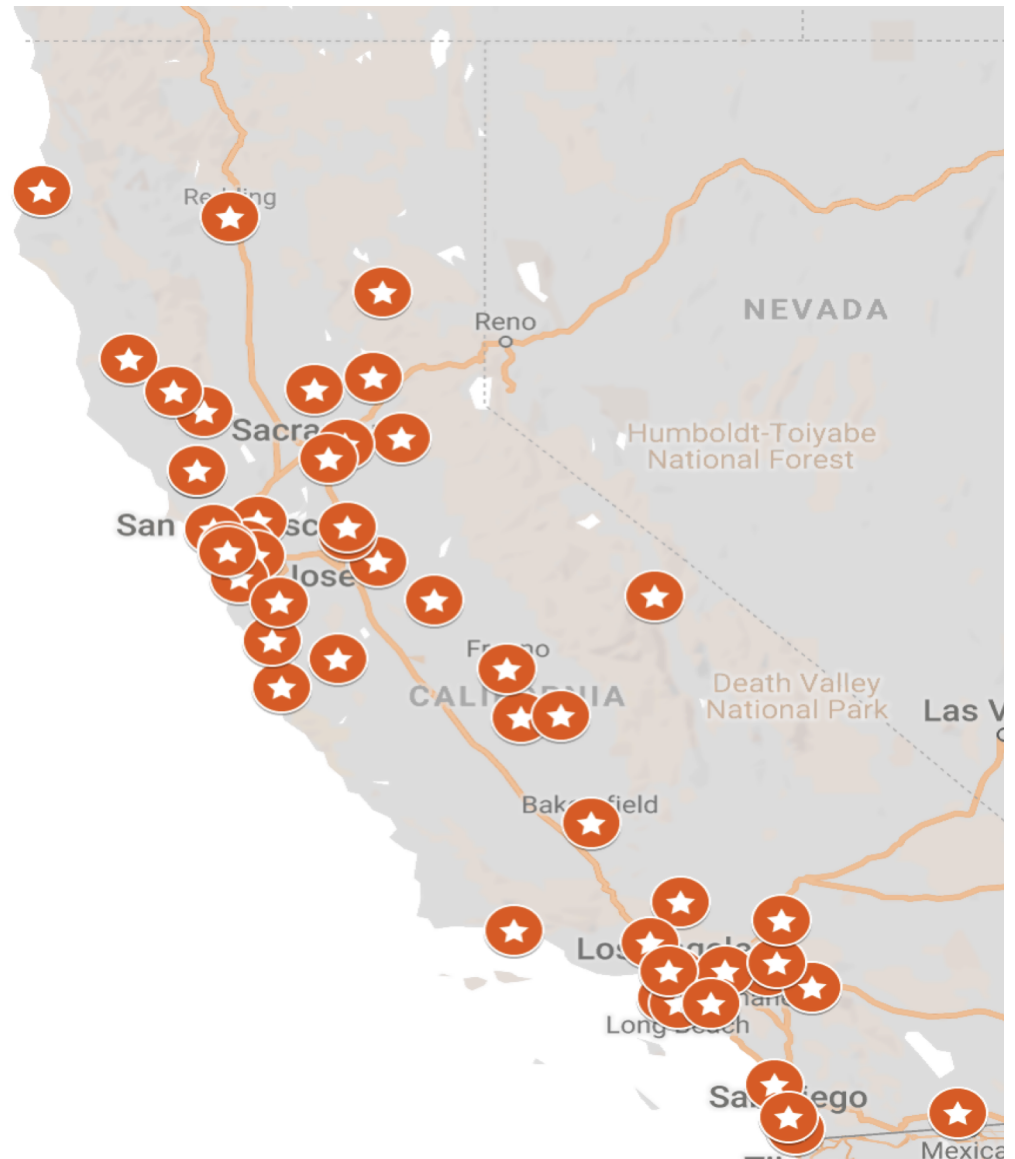
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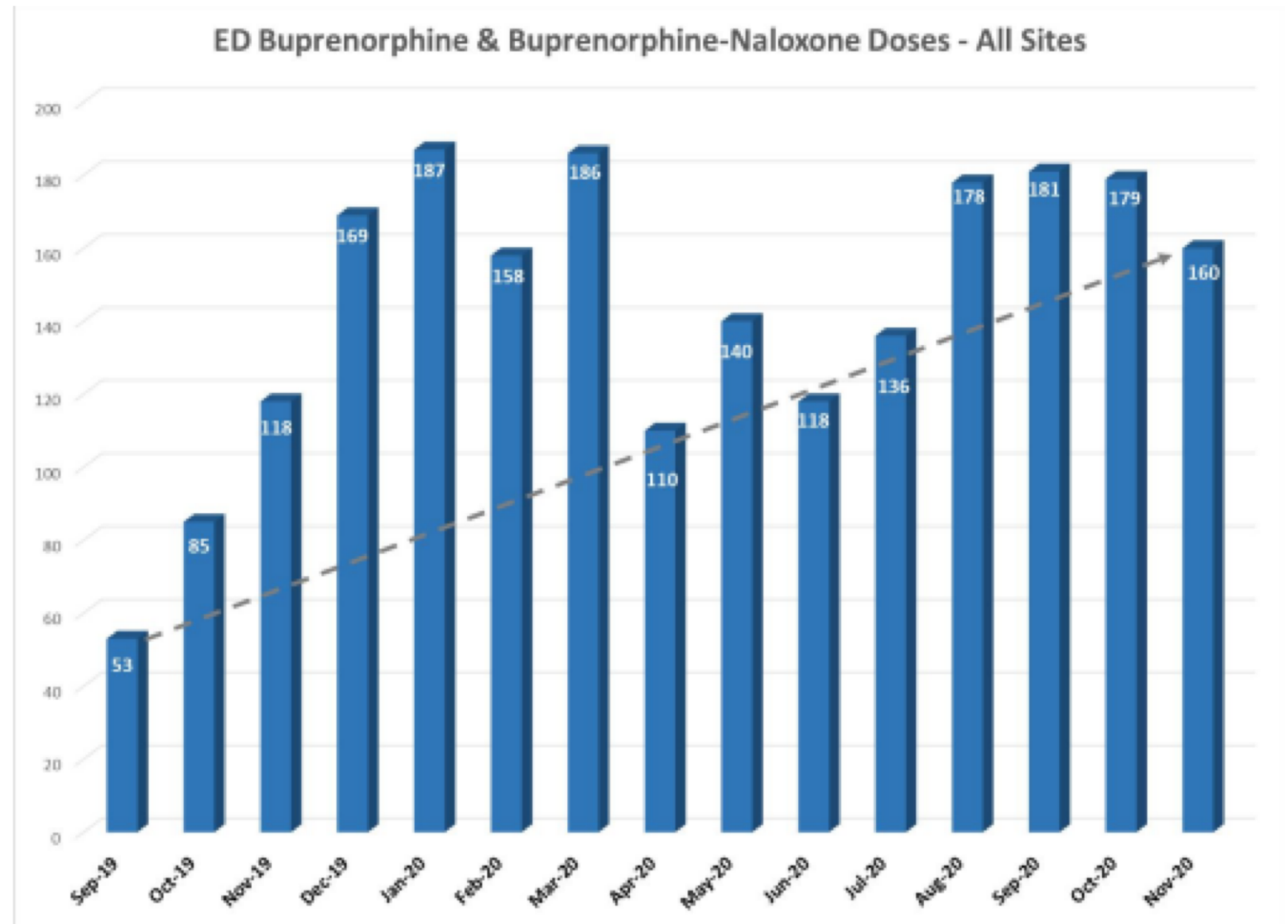
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Current Status: 50+ hospitals
in CA currently access points
for patients with SUD.

And many others nation wide...



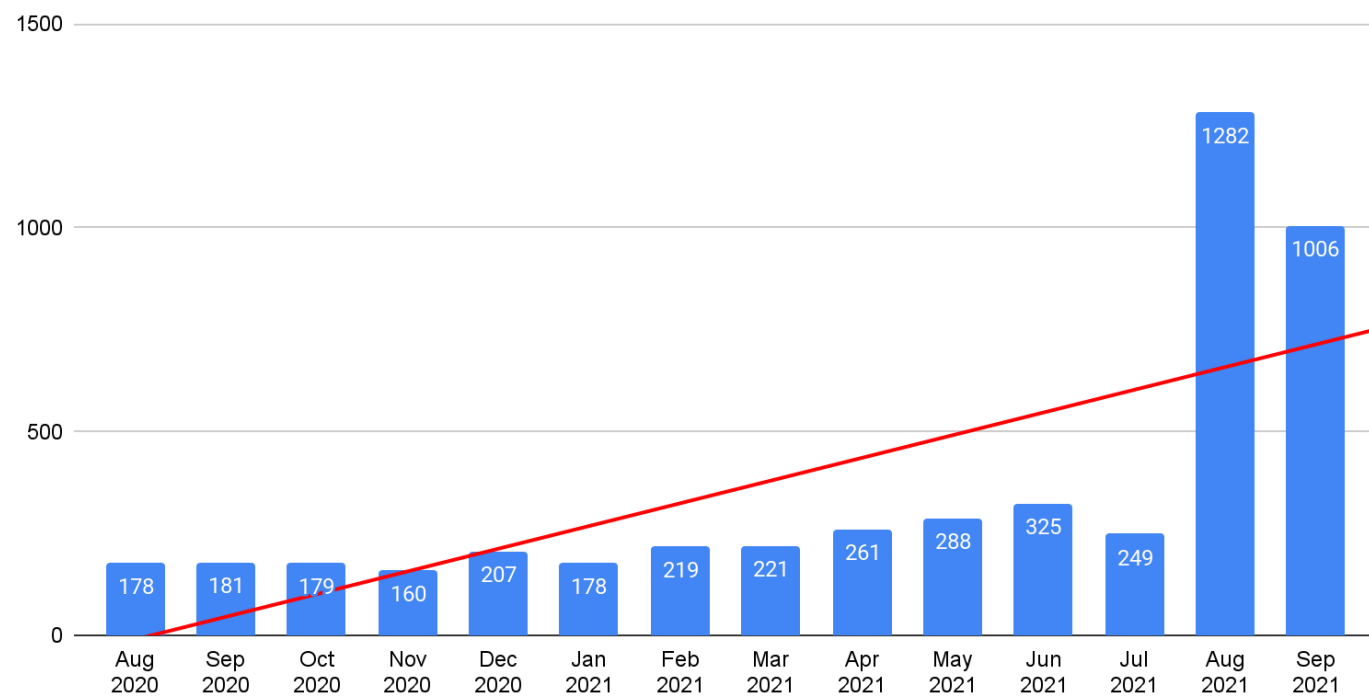
MAT: Our First Year



MAT:
Year #2!

ED Buprenorphine & Buprenorphine-Naloxone Doses by Month

Aug 2020 - Sep 2021



MAT Mentorship: Using our experience as a strength

CommonSpirit MAT Champions (MATch)

What: A mentorship program to encourage and support the care of patients with opioid use disorder.

When: To launch late April 2021 and continue through October 2021.

Who: A mentorship program bringing together MAT champions/experts (mentors) with providers new to MAT care (mentees). We welcome inpatient and outpatient providers across CommonSpirit Health. Executive sponsorship from Drs. Alisahah Cole and Gary Greensweig, and supported by the Addiction Treatment Access Group (ATAG).

How: Sign up or express interest as a mentor or mentee online at: commonspiritpophealth.org/match-program. Or contact the Addiction Network at addictionnetwork@dignityhealth.org.



Aims

- 1 Increase access to compassionate, evidence-based MAT care;
- 2 Promote equity for all substance use disorder patients seeking care across CSH;
- 3 Support providers and staff in providing addiction care with high-value tools and guidelines;
- 4 Foster professional mentorship and support that promotes evidence-based practice;
- 5 Highlight and learn from best-practice champions across CSH.

Opioid Prescriptions and Physician Opportunities

The following three areas have been identified as TOP opportunities to align with patient safety and the CDC guidelines for opioid use.

#1

Prescription Quantity

The ideal is up to 3 days; over 7 days is rarely required

#2

Type of Opioid

Utilize Immediate Release opioids (rather than extended release)

#3

Opioids & Benzodiazepines

Avoid concurrent use if possible (this has a Black Box warning)

Emergency Department Opioid Prescribing Guidelines



Dignity Health is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, and affordable health services to all individuals seeking care in our emergency departments. Recognizing the impact of the opioid epidemic, and in accordance with recommendations made by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), we recommend the following guidelines to decrease the risk of addiction and overdose in the patients we serve.

These guidelines do not establish a standard of care, and each patient requires a unique treatment plan. They are intended to serve as a resource for emergency clinicians to standardize the use of opioids in the emergency department and to empower clinicians in the challenging encounters that involve the use and misuse of opioids.

1. One Provider: Ideally, one medical provider should provide all opioids to treat a patient's chronic pain.

2. Discouraged Practices:

- Administration of IV and IM opioids in the ED for the relief of acute exacerbations of chronic pain.
- Replacement prescriptions for controlled substances that were lost, destroyed, or stolen.
- Replacement doses of methadone for patients in a methadone treatment program.
- Prescribing long-acting or controlled-release opioids (e.g., OxyContin, fentanyl patches, methadone).
- Administration of Demerol (meperidine).

3. PDMP: ED providers should use the state's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) when appropriate.

4. Coordination of Care: EDs and ED providers should strive for coordination of care as follows:

- Work together with pain clinic or clinician regarding pain agreements in place.
- Coordinate the care of patients who frequently visit the ED using an ED care coordination program.
- Maintain a list of clinics that provide primary care for patients of all payer types.
- Perform screening, brief interventions, and treatment referrals for patients with suspected prescription opioid abuse problems.
- For exacerbations of chronic pain, contact the patient's primary opioid prescriber or pharmacy, and only prescribe enough pills to last until the office of the patient's primary opioid prescriber opens.

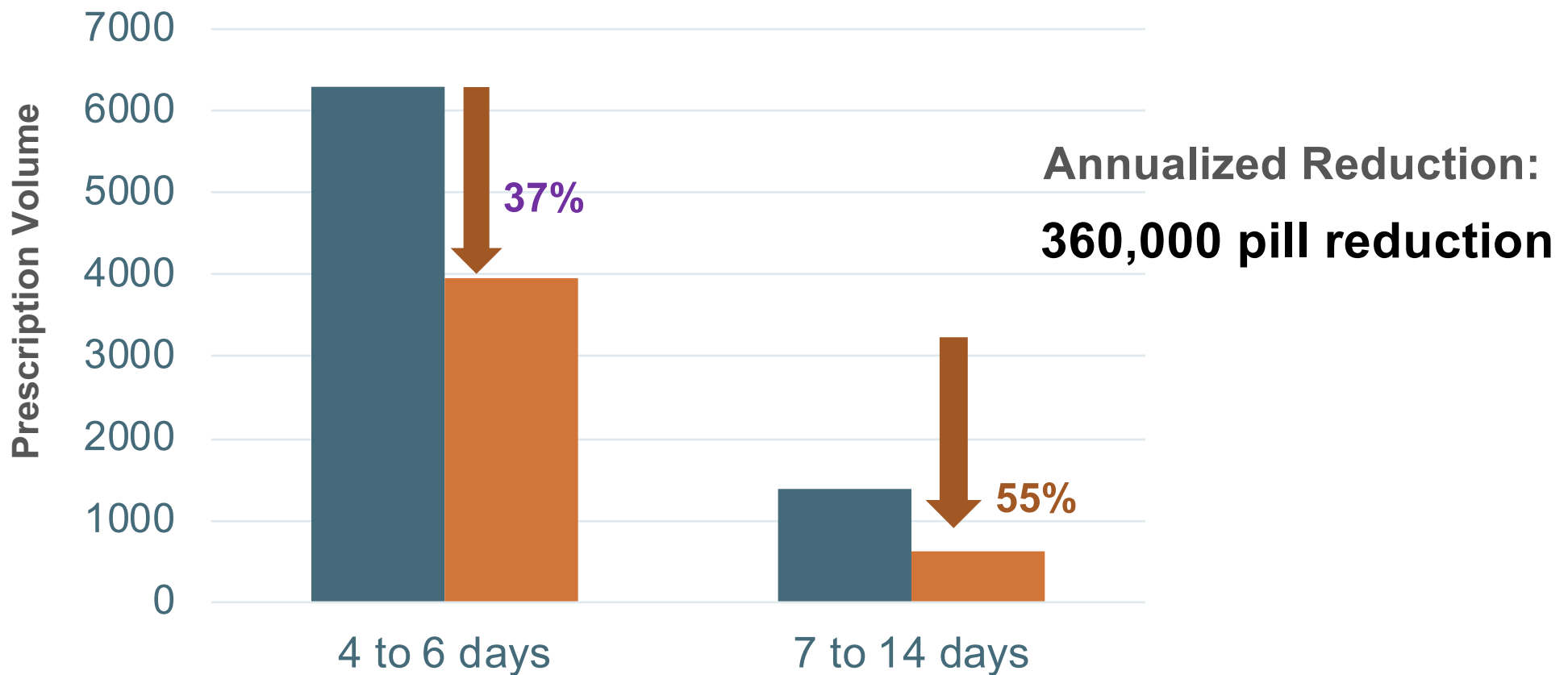
5. Substance Abuse Screening: ED patients should be screened for risk factors for substance abuse prior to prescribing opioid medication for acute pain.

6. Prescription Duration: Prescriptions for opioid pain medication from the ED for breakthrough pain in acute injuries, such as fractured bones, in most cases should not exceed three days. Providers should counsel patients regarding the use of non-opioid medications (e.g., NSAIDs) as their first line pain medication.

7. No Legal Requirement to Treat with Opioids: The law does not require ED providers to use opioids to treat pain. ED providers should use their clinical judgment when treating pain. The provider should have an open conversation with the patient regarding the indication, or lack thereof, for using opioids for pain.

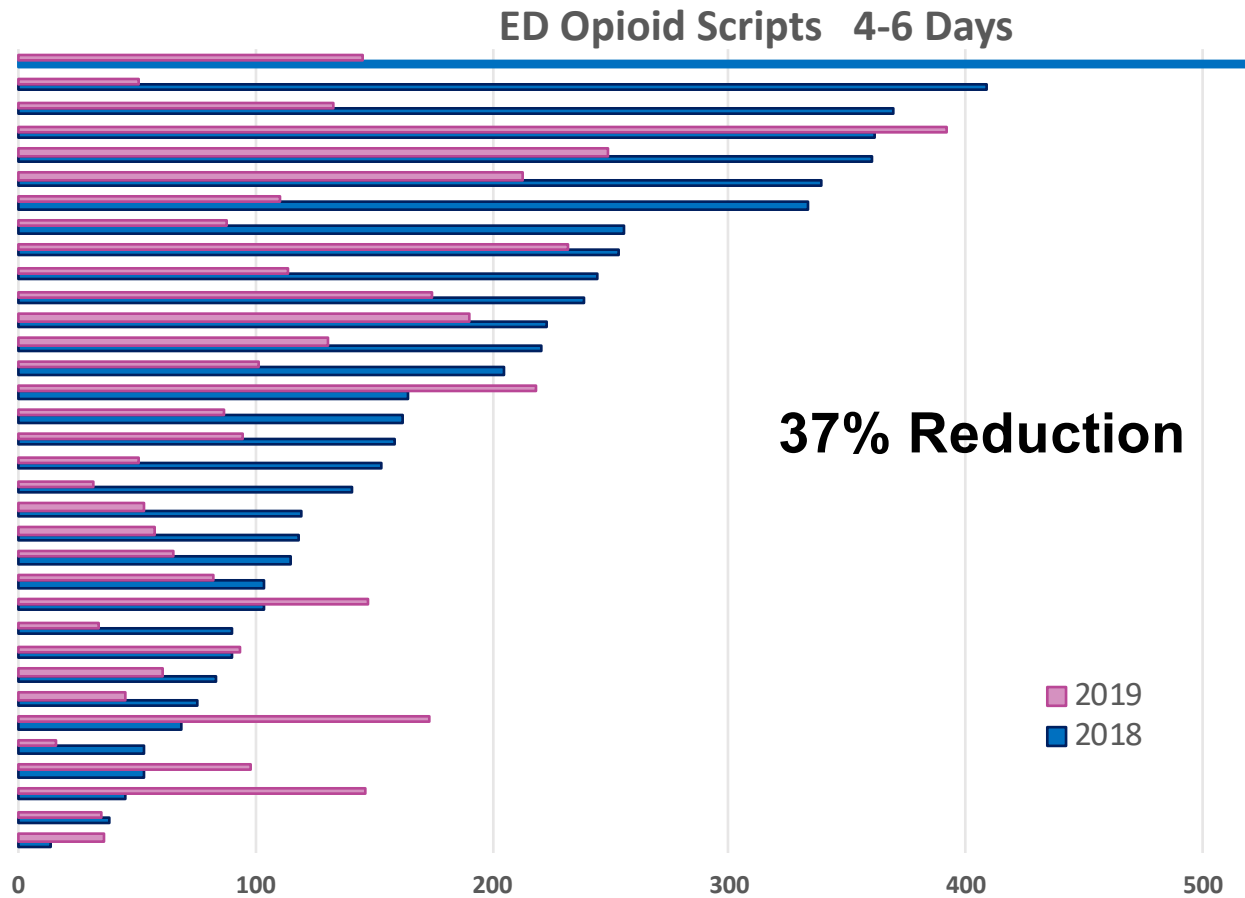
Opioid Prescribing Practices

Comparison of 2018 and 2019 Practices (comparative 3 month snapshots)



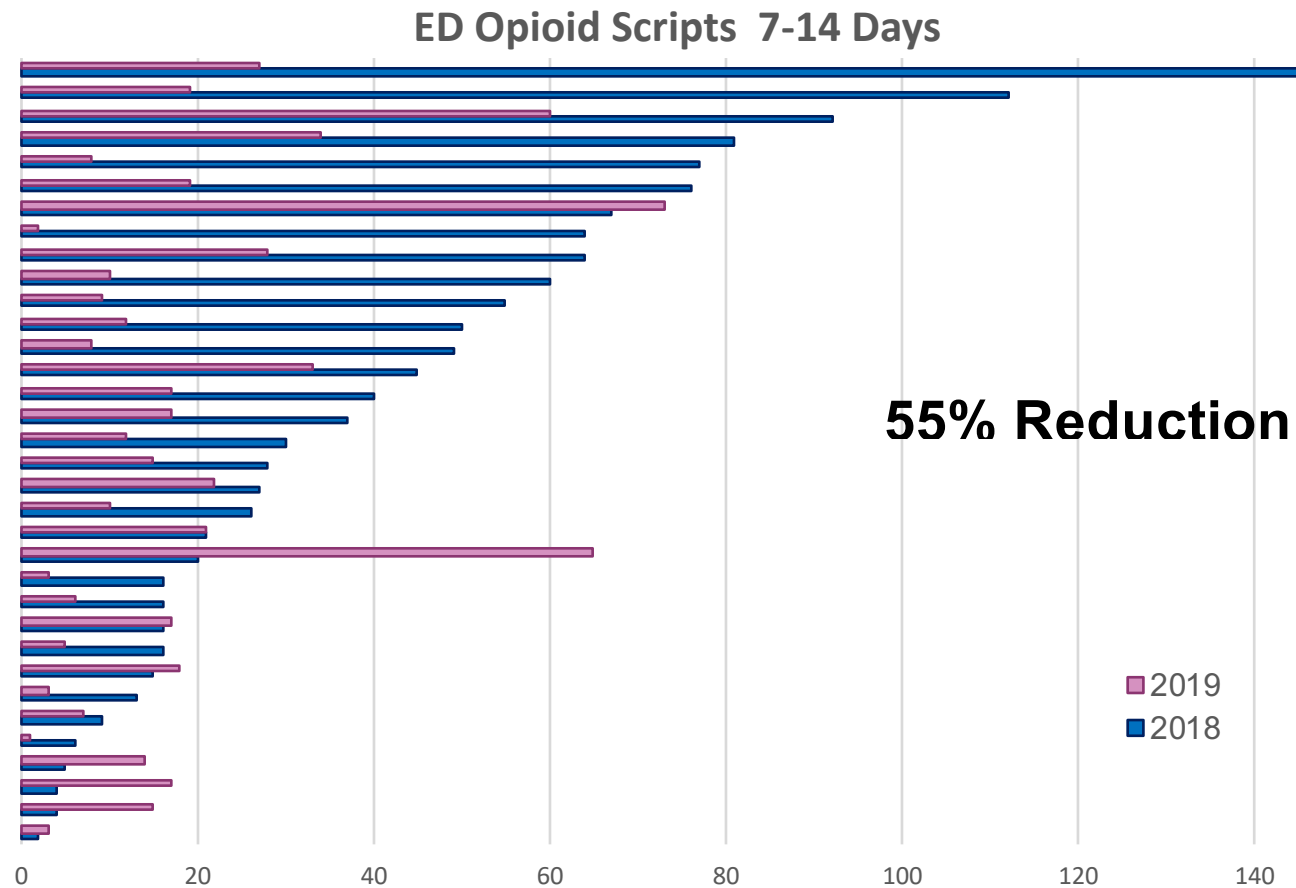
Opioid Prescribing Practices

Prescription Volume Reductions by Facility



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Pro Tip #7:

Measure & report back.

Identify priorities

Establish baseline

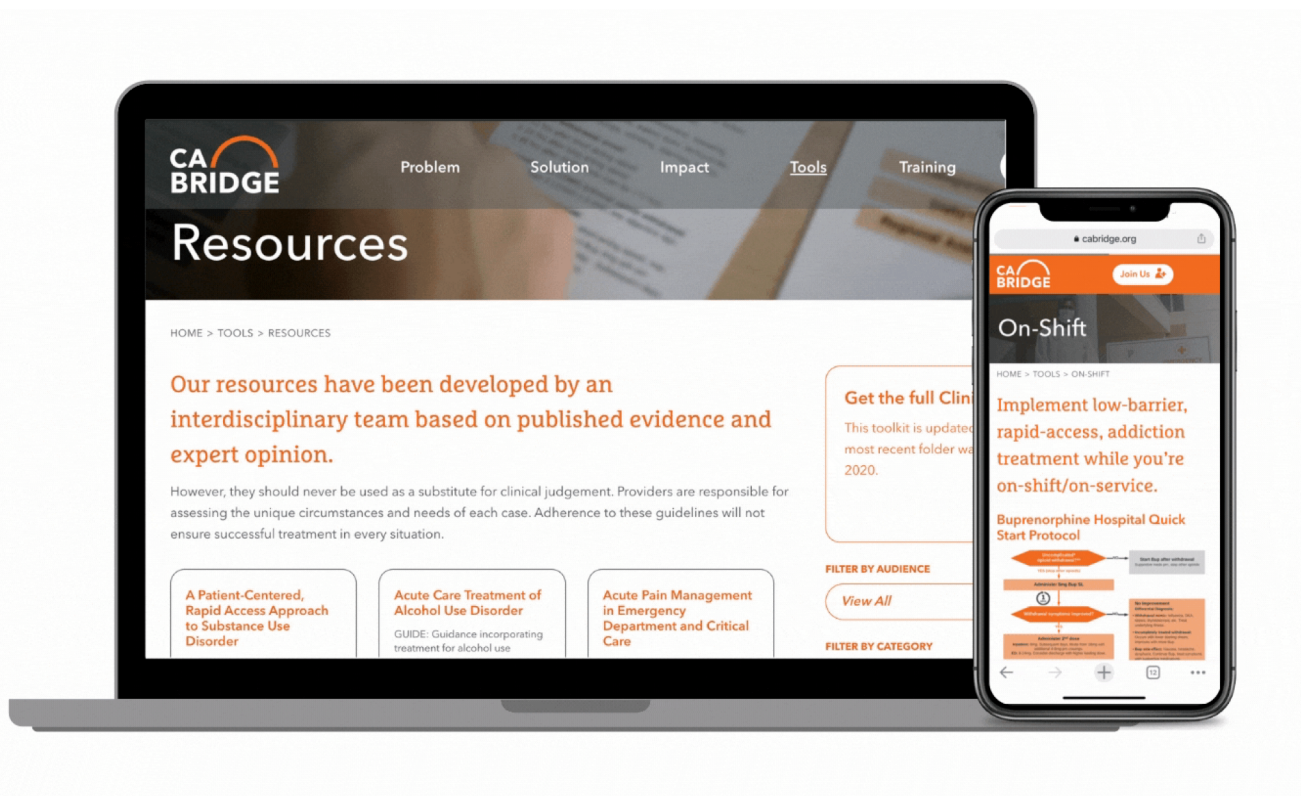
Track progress

Find gaps or refresher needs

Pro Tips to Make it Happen:

1. Establish Leaders.
2. Build a support network
3. Create a smooth patient referral process
4. Map Action Items & Timeline *(including education plan for everyone!)*
5. Have a strategy for inclusion *(red/yellow/green)*
6. Secure Executive Support
7. Measure & report back

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CA Bridge MAT Toolkit for Nurses

*A patient-centered approach to 24/7 access
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Substance Use Navigation Toolkit



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Acute Pain Management in Patients on Buprenorphine (Bup)* Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder Medical/Surgical Units

James Gasper, PharmD, Andrew Herring, MD, Kyle Harrison, MD, Sky Lee, MD, Hanna

Continue Maintenance Bup*
Split dose q4-8hrs
daily dose of 16mg = 4mg Bup SL QID)

Promote calm and comfort
Depression are common: Instill sense of control, provide
management techniques such as mindful meditation.
certainty, confusion. Positioning, splinting, and physical
d be maximized. Minimize unnecessary NPO status.
ve meds to treat symptoms (ie. diphenhydramine,
ndansetron, melatonin, baclofen, etc).

Acetaminophen and NSAIDs
both around the clock if not contraindicated.

Non-opioid analgesia

apentinoids

Alpha-2 agonists

SNRI/TCA

IV Lidocaine

nal Anesthesia

Ketamine & Magnesium

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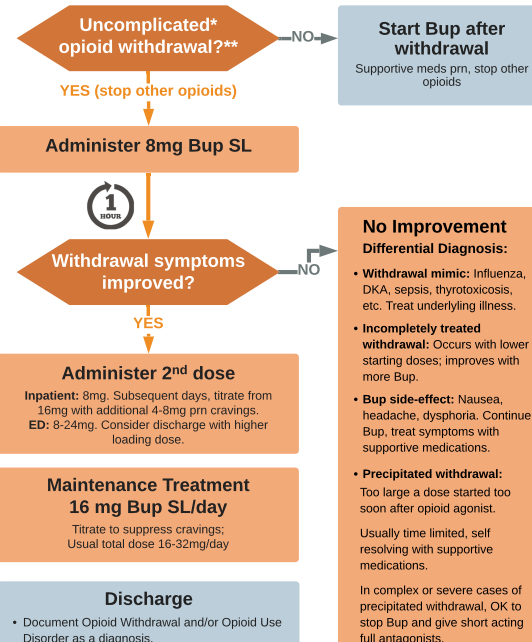
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Buprenorphine (Bup) Hospital Quick Start

- Any prescriber can order Bup in the hospital, even without an x-waiver.
- Bup is a high-affinity, partial agonist opioid that is safe and highly effective for treating opioid use disorder.
- If patient is stable on methadone or prefers methadone, recommend continuation of methadone as first-line treatment.



Buprenorphine Dosing

- Either Bup or Bup/Nx (buprenorphine/naloxone) films or tab sublingual (SL) are OK.
- If unable to take oral/SL, try Bup 0.3mg IV/IM.
- OK to start with lower initial dose: Bup 2-4mg SL.
- Total initial daily dose above 16mg may increase duration of action beyond 24 hrs.
- Bup SL onset 15 min, peak 1 hr, steady state 7 days
- May dose qday or if co-existing chronic pain split dosing TID/QID.

*Complicating Factors

- Altered mental status, delirium, intoxication
- Severe acute pain, trauma or planned large surgeries
- Organ failure or other severe medical illness
- Recent methadone use

**Diagnosing Opioid Withdrawal

Subjective symptoms AND one objective sign

Subjective: Patient reports feeling "bad" due to withdrawal (nausea, stomach cramps, body aches, restlessness, hot and cold, stuffy nose)

Objective: [at least one] restlessness, sweating, rhinorrhea, dilated pupils, watery eyes, tachycardia, yawning, goose bumps, vomiting, diarrhea, tremor

Typical withdrawal onset:

≥ 12 hrs after short acting opioid
≥ 24 hrs after long acting opioid
≥ 48 hrs after methadone (can be >72 hrs)

If unsure, use COWS (clinical opioid withdrawal scale). Start if COWS ≥ 8 AND one objective sign.

If Completed Withdrawal:
Typically >72 hrs since last short-acting opioid, may be longer for methadone. Start Bup 4mg q4h prn cravings, usual dose 16-32mg/day. Subsequent days, OK to decrease frequency to qday

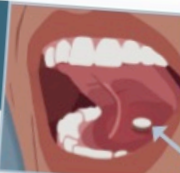
Opioid Analgesics

Starting Buprenorphine Outside of Hospitals/Clinics

Wait, Withdraw, Dose
or medical issues or with lower opioid tolerance
in pills like Norco or Percocet)

ed Bup before:

great! Just do that again.
with your care team to find ways to make it better.



Place dose under your tongue (sublingual).

time on Bup:

team and if possible take a "day off."

alcohol or pills makes starting Bup harder. Be safe.
ce you still feel withdrawal.
ike you feel sick or sleepy.

DAY 1

nd have a place to rest.
you feel **very sick** from withdrawals (at least 12 hours is best).
let or strip (4mg) under your tongue & let it dissolve.
se after the first dose,
Navigator or go to the ER.
4mg) in an hour to feel well.
another 4mg every 6 hours, up to 24 mg.

Split 8mg film
or tablet in half.

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OPIOID GAP ANALYSIS

Opioid Stewardship Program Leadership Assessment

1. Contact Information

Name

Title

Email Address

Hospital Name

Health System Name

* 2. State in which your hospital is located:

☐ New Jersey

☐ Ohio

☐ Pennsylvania

3. Has your facility's leadership identified opioid stewardship as a facility/system priority supported by strategic and operational planning?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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