

BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT: A TRAINING FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY ADDICTION PROFESSIONALS

Module V – Coordinated Care



Effective Coordination of Care

Effective coordination combines the strengths of various systems and professions, including: physicians, addiction counselors, 12-step programs, and community support service providers. The roles of certain providers may vary by state, depending upon the identified scope of practice for each profession.



Module V – Goals of the Module

This module will help participants to:

- Develop strategies to form links between physicians who are authorized to prescribe buprenorphine and substance abuse treatment providers
- Identify the role of the addiction programs/ professionals in providing buprenorphine treatment
- Identify other professionals who have a role in the continuum of care for buprenorphine patients

Module V – Goals of the Module

This module will help participants to:

- Identify key issues in coordinating care
- Name key issues in managing care for buprenorphine patients



The Benefits of Coordinated Care

- Capacity for physician to refer to treatment is required under the law (DATA 2000)
- Substance abuse treatment providers have expertise in managing and coordinating care for substance using clients
- Combines goals of the medical and behavioral health systems—holistic care rather than compartmentalized care
- Treatment modality (e.g., inpatient vs. outpatient), type (e.g. methadone vs. buprenorphine), and setting (office based vs. OTP) can be made to maximize fit with patient needs

Roles of the Physician

- Screening
- Assessment
- Diagnosing Opioid Addiction
- Patient Education
- Prescribing Buprenorphine
- Urinalysis Testing
- Recovery Support



Roles of the Multidisciplinary Team

- Screening
- Assessing and Diagnosing of Opioid Addiction
- Psychosocial Treatment
- Patient Education
- Referral for Treatment
- Urinalysis Testing
- Recovery Support
- Case Management and Coordination



Roles of the Community Support Provider

- Screening
- Assessment
- Referral for Treatment
- Recovery Support
- Meeting Ancillary Needs of the Patient



Roles of the 12-Step Program

- Recovery Support
 - Being on an opioid treatment medication may be an issue in some 12-step meetings.
 - Program staff should be prepared to coach patients on how to handle this issue.



A Model of Coordinated Care

Role	Physician	Addiction Counselor	12-Step Program	Community Support Provider
Screening/Assessment	✓	✓		✓
Diagnosing Opioid Addiction	✓	✓		
Patient Education	✓	✓	✓	
Referral for Treatment	✓	✓		✓
Prescribing/Dispensing Buprenorphine	✓			
Urinalysis Testing	✓	✓		
Psychosocial Treatment		✓		
Recovery Support	✓	✓	✓	✓
Case Management & Coordination		✓		
Family Services and Treatment		✓		✓
Meeting ancillary needs of the patient				✓

THE ADDICTION COUNSELOR DOES NOT DIAGNOSE OPIOID ADDICTION OR PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE

Other addiction professionals may make the diagnosis, but the physician would confirm the diagnosis prior to prescribing buprenorphine

Use The SAMHSA Physician Locator Service To Find a Physician Authorized To Prescribe Buprenorphine in Your State

www.buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/bwns_locator

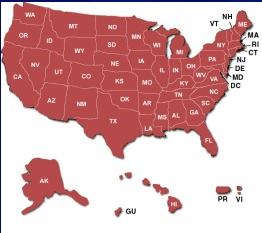
SAMHSA
Substance Abuse & Mental Health
Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health
and Human Services

**Buprenorphine
PHYSICIAN LOCATOR**

Notice: The Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 limits physicians or physician group practices to prescribing buprenorphine for opioid addiction to a maximum of 30 patients at one time. Because of this, some physicians listed on the Locator may not be accepting new patients at this time. If you are unable to find a physician within your area who is accepting new patients, please check our site later, as new physicians are being added weekly.

To locate the physician(s) authorized to prescribe Buprenorphine nearest you, find your State on the map below and click on it.

- home
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Challenges for Addiction Treatment Professionals

- Not all physicians who are trained have consented to be listed on Physician locator. Community outreach is still critical.
- Linking patients to primary care who have not been within the medical mainstream
- Coordination with other professionals not accustomed to working with non-medical partners
- Covering the cost of medication

Attributes of Successful Care Coordination

- Understanding roles for each participant in the treatment team
- Ongoing communication across professions
- Personal contact between partners in the system

Barriers to Effective Care Coordination

- Misunderstanding respective roles
- Conflicting goals for treatment
- Confidentiality restrictions
- Control issues
- Misconception of other professional perspectives

Module V – Summary

- Not all opioid-addicted patients are good candidates for office-based buprenorphine.
- Selection of treatment type and setting should be done to maximize fit with patient needs
- Treatment success is enhanced by good patient assessment and selection.
- Open communication amongst the various care providers helps to ensure successful coordination of care.