

Buprenorphine for the Treatment Team

Great Lakes Node

Blending Clinical Practice and Research:

**Forging Partnerships in the Great Lakes States
to Enhance Drug Addiction Treatment**

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**“Counseling Buprenorphine
Patients:
Information and Treatment
Approaches for Counselors”**

Topics

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- **Basic Pharmacology**
- **Rationale for Buprenorphine/Naloxone Combination**
- **Office Based Treatment/Clinical Trials**
- **Role of Psychosocial Counseling**
- **Infusion of Buprenorphine**
- **Taper**

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- **Medication Treatment for Opioid Dependence**
- **Buprenorphine – Legal Foundation**
- **Opioid Dependent Patients**
- **Buprenorphine Safety**
- **Prescription by Physicians**
- **Counseling Issues for Buprenorphine Patients- Recovery, 12 Step, CBF**
- **Patient Orientation and Management**
- **Counseling Patients**
- **The Online Course**

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The Ideal JCAHO or CARF Approved Interdisciplinary Treatment Team

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Therapists
- Counselors
- Records Administrators
- Other

Interact in Team Meetings

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How Often Does This Exist in the
Buprenorphine Treatment World?

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Issues in Buprenorphine Treatment

- Programs May Not Be Available Due to Limited MDs, Limited Funding
- Programs in Primary Care Setting May Be Without Backup of General Program or Counseling Expertise
- Program in Rural Setting May Be Isolated with Few Referral Options

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Counselor Functions and Challenges

(May be Affected by Treatment Setting)

- What is the Role of the Counselor?
- May Identify Opioid Dependence and Make Initial Referral to MD
- or May Receive Referral from Primary Care MD in Order to Provide Psychotherapy to Patient Receiving Medication at Another Site
- or May be Part of Clinical Interdisciplinary Treatment Team at an Academic or Other Well Established Large Addiction Program
- But if not, How Can Care Be Integrated?

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Specific Treatment Settings May Have Associated Challenges for Team

Treatment Settings	Advantages and Possible Associated Problems	Implication for the Therapist/ Counselor
General Hospital/University Program Community Mental Health	Generally in Cities – Not Available for All Patients in Need	Counselors Easily Feel Part of Team
Office Based Primary Care/ Private Practice	Most Accessible if Critical Mass of Primary MD Offices	Counselors May be Isolated from Prescribers
Urban vs Rural Setting	Rural Primary Care MDs with BUP Expertise May Be Rare	Counselors May have Difficulty Referring for Buprenorphine Treatment

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What Steps Can Counselors Take? (If Not in Interdisciplinary Team)

- Education – Online Course
- Reach out to Participating MDs –
Get List from Web site:
http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/bwns_locator/index.html
- Peer Support – Other Counselors
- Contracts and Agreements About Duties
- Collect Information and Share – Submit Case Reports