



Buprenorphine Guidance Document

Considerations in starting a Buprenorphine project.

1. How to fund the project in your jurisdiction?

Fee-for-service vs. grant

Use of contract management system with providers

2. Structure of System

MD in program prescribes vs. link with community MD

Point of entry into system

How to coordinate care between counseling and medication

Documents needed

Data needed

Suboxone medication purchasing arrangement

3. Project Protocols

Eligibility criteria

Admission and discharge protocols

Insurance pursuit

Diversion control plan

Informed consent

SMART data entry requirements

4. Case Manager

Role must be clearly defined, i.e., tracks patients, accesses entitlements, serves as coordinator between MD and program

5. System Education

How to deliver it

Topics: Pharmacology, dependence potential, induction and maintenance, diversion potential, integration with counseling

Education of patients, staff, providers, MD's in community