

FACILITATOR GUIDE

County Touchpoints in Access to Medications for Addiction Treatment for Justice Involved Individuals

Module 4. MAT Medication: How They Work, For Whom, Implications for Use in Criminal Justice and Human Service Settings

Module Overview

This module offers a 56-minute video that provides information, in understandable terms, about methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone, which are the three medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD.) Method of action, abuse potential, patients most appropriate for the medication, side effects, common myths, and considerations for use in jails are addressed for each medication. Duration of treatment and how medication adjustments should be made to minimize the risk of overdose are also discussed.

Content

- Video recording: The Medications: How They Work, For Whom, and Criminal Justice Implications, 56 minutes. It was recorded in September 2019 in Sacramento and the audience was leaders from the targeted organizations in Northern California.
 - Presenters: Shannon Robinson, MD who at the time of this recording was Chief Psychiatrist Addiction Services, California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. She has since left CDCR and is a Principal at Health Management Associates. Donna Strugar-Fritsch, BSN, MPA, CCHP, Health Management Associates
- PowerPoint slide deck: Created by Health Management Associates
- Document: Medicines for Treating Opioid Use. Created by the California Emergency Department Bridges projects as a tool for use by patients in evaluating MAT medications for their use

Facilitator Steps

1. Print and distribute Module Overview, Learning Objectives, and patient handout on MAT as people enter the room
2. Distribute the pre-test questions to participants and have them complete it. Then discuss the responses
3. Review the Module Overview, Learning Objectives, and patient handout on MAT
4. Show the video
5. Lead a discussion using the following questions:
 - a) What does the information presented mean to your current practice and your agency?
 - b) What experience have you had with each of the MAT medications: methadone, buprenorphine, Vivitrol?
 - c) Does your agency align with evidenced-based practices to make all three medications available?

- d) Does your agency align with evidenced-based practices to keep decisions about MAT between the patient and the medical provider?
- e) What barriers exist to supporting the use of MAT for as long as two years?
6. Distribute post questions, capture responses in accordance with CEU requirements and then discuss responses

Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, the participant can:

1. Describe the role of dopamine depletion in influencing behaviors.
2. Outline the benefits and outcomes of using medications to treat Opioid Use Disorder.
3. Identify the three FDA-approved medications used for the treatment of Opioid Use Disorder.
4. Articulate key differences between the three medications.

Pre-Test Questions

1. Once a person stops using opioids and completes detox, his/her brain returns to normal functioning. True/False Correct answer: FALSE
2. Dopamine depletion is the same as opioid withdrawal. True/False Correct answer: FALSE
3. Vivitrol is the best medication to use for the criminal justice population. True/False Correct answer: FALSE
4. A positive urine toxicology screen in a person on MAT means treatment is failing. True/False Correct answer: FALSE

Post-Test Questions

1. The three medications used in the treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) act the same on the brain's opioid receptors. True/False Correct answer: FALSE
2. A person who is stable on prescribed methadone or buprenorphine is impaired. True/False Correct answer: FALSE
3. The potential for the diversion of buprenorphine in the community is low. True/False Correct answer: FALSE
4. Decisions about dosing and tapering of MAT are clinical and should not be directed by the criminal justice system True/False Correct answer: FALSE

Continuing Education Options

Refer to the County Touchpoints Training Site website for information about continuing education credits by discipline. (red arrow)



California MAT Expansion Project

- California MAT Expansion Partner Projects
- County Touchpoints in Access to MAT for Justice-Involved Populations
- Expanding Access to MAT in County Criminal Justice Settings
- Mom&Baby Substance Exposure Initiative
- Transitions of Care

Welcome To TRAINING SITE For County Touchpoints In Access To MAT For Justice-Involved Populations

This site contains all the materials necessary for group or individual training about the use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to treat Opioid Use Disorder in justice system and human service systems.

- Click here for a comprehensive Training Manual designed for use by internal organizational training teams to help plan, execute, sustain, and evaluate internal training. [Read More](#)
- Click here for a brief overview of the nine program modules and some recommended combinations that you can customize for unique audiences. [Read More](#)
- Click here for information on continuing education credits by discipline. [Read More](#)

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