

Has Your Hospital Joined HAP's Opioid Learning Action Network (LAN)?



What is it?

A two-year learning collaborative designed to increase the number of patients entering evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorders (OUD) and prevent overdose deaths

Open to all Pennsylvania hospitals. No cost for participation—fully funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and administered through Vital Strategies

8 reasons to join—including \$35 million in OUD-related quality incentives

1. To get more people into treatment and prevent overdose deaths
2. To improve patients' experience and outcomes
3. To share effective strategies, scale them, and show Pennsylvania hospitals' collective efforts and results to policymakers
4. To reduce learning and implementation costs by using the LAN's free, shared resources
5. To gain efficiencies in understanding and deploying available regional resources (Single County Authorities, peer counselors, treatment capacity availability, etc.)
6. To help your hospital get its share of \$35 million in OUD-related quality incentives available through the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services' Hospital Quality Incentive Program
7. To provide continuing education credits for physicians, nurses, and social workers
8. To contribute to, and be acknowledged in, a Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health report summarizing the LAN's learning and policy recommendations

How and when to join

To enroll, complete and return the [online commitment form](#) by July 15, 2019. The LAN kicks off during August, 2019. Executive engagement and sponsorship are crucial. Plan to participate for two years.

HAP's Opioid LAN will demonstrate that, by working together, hospitals can adopt evidence-based best practices to address this tragic public health problem and save lives. This can be done without legislation or regulation that, however well-intentioned, may result in unintended consequences or become quickly out of date.

Whether your organization is getting started in the fight against overdose deaths, or already has initiatives in place, HAP's Opioid LAN collaborative will accelerate your progress to improved outcomes.



More About HAP's Opioid Learning Action Network (LAN)

YEAR 1 GOALS: Implementing effective emergency department pathways

The LAN will focus on the following statewide aims:

- Increasing medication-assisted treatment (MAT) initiation in the emergency department and warm hand-offs to MAT in the community
- Increasing direct warm hand-offs to community providers for MAT or abstinence-based treatment
- Increasing evidence-based OUD treatment and warm hands-offs for pregnant women
- Increasing the number of direct inpatient admissions for MAT initiation from the ED, and MAT initiation of OUD patients hospitalized, overall

YEAR 2 GOALS: Moving outside the hospital walls/ Improving practice at other clinical entry points and sustaining ED-initiated momentum

The LAN will build momentum from year one improvements and expand focus to the following objectives:

- Increasing warm hand-offs in primary care settings
- Increasing access to MAT in primary care settings
- Quantifying reimbursement gaps and financial short falls
- Developing recommendations about meaningful reimbursement/funding structures

The tailored statewide and regional interventions will borrow from approaches that have been successfully employed by HAP's quality and safety team:

- Annual in-person meetings
- Regional gatherings with facilitated information-sharing
- Webinars and other distance learning technologies
- Collaborative website and performance tracking
- Office hours and virtual small group discussions with clinical/administrative champions and technical experts



For more information

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