

Buprenorphine Inpatient/Observation Process

Pre-order Set: Bridge to EPIC

OD Hotline 215-481-2035

Patient identified with opioid use disorder

Patient agrees to have name, location and date of birth shared with a Certified Recovery Specialist and is interested in hearing about treatment options.

- Call Warm Hand-off 267-905-2145
 - * Patient does not have to agree to enter treatment to place Warm Hand-off call
 - * Physician to Administer Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Scale
- Call OD hotline at 215-481-2035 if assistance needed in performing Clinical Opioid withdrawal Scale (COWS) and/or dosing support
- Consider methadone if patient not agreeable to treatment

COWS \geq 13 in patient agreeable to any level (OP, IOP, PHP, IP, Residential) of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- Order buprenorphine 4 mg sublingually ONCE
- Order a "2 mg every 2 hours as needed for persistent withdrawal symptoms" MAX 8 mg day 1

Objective withdrawal symptoms present 2 hours later

Give additional 2 mg buprenorphine

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DAY 1

Maximum total dose: 8 mg

For persistent symptoms call 215-481-2035 for assistance

DAY 2 and Onward:

Order previous days usage (total dose) as a daily dose. Give additional doses as needed. Maximum total daily dose day 2 and subsequent days: 16 mg

COWS < 13: Observe for symptoms of withdrawal every 2 hours

Call physician to evaluate patient if withdrawal symptoms present

Withdrawal Signs/Symptoms

- Tachycardia
- Sweating
- Dilated pupils
- Bone/joint pain
- Runny nose/tearing
- N/V/diarrhea
- Tremors
- Yawning
- Anxiety/irritability

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