

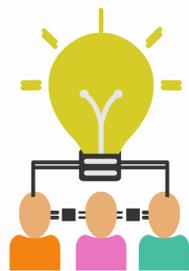


Need assistance with interpreting drug tests in OUD patients and how they should inform the treatment plan?

The COEs are leading biweekly, interactive virtual educational sessions on MAT and continuous quality improvement topics through December. To register for the ECHO series and to receive free CE credits, click [here!](#)

Next Session: Friday, November 6th, 12pm-1pm

Topic: Drug Testing in OUD

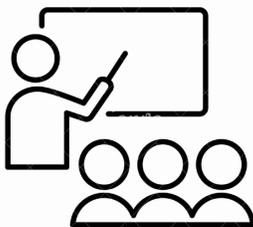


MAT Lunch Hour: Harm Reduction Centers

Join us for our next MAT Lunch Hour for the opportunity to network and collaborate. Our next topic will feature a discussion on the expansion of harm reduction in OUD treatment with leaders from the NJ Harm Reduction Coalition. All are welcome!

Next Forum: Wednesday, October 28th, 12pm-1pm

[Click Here to Register](#)



December OBAT Navigator Trainings with the Camden Coalition

The OBAT Navigators play a critical role in the expansion of MAT services in New Jersey, being tasked with initiating and maintaining a psychosocial treatment plan to support patients in their recovery. In December, four training sessions will focus on techniques to identify the needs of your MAT patients, make patient-centered referrals, connect with resources in your community, and support a patient-driven care plan. Click to register for the series in December.

[December Series](#)

Should we require multiple visits for OUD prior to receiving a Rx for buprenorphine to increase treatment retention?

After adjustment for differences, including history of alcohol and benzodiazepine use, that are associated with delays in buprenorphine initiation, this retrospective cohort study in an



FQHC found that same-day prescriptions for buprenorphine was not significantly associated with 30-day treatment retention. That is, same-day prescribing was not associated with worse retention. Given the risk of overdose deaths and early drop out rates when prescribing is delayed, this article suggests that allowing same-day receipt of buprenorphine should be the standard of care.

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Is cannabis being used as a substitute to decrease opioid use in OUD?

This is a prospective cohort study that surveyed patients from the community and a suburban inpatient addiction program in the New York area. It found that the odds of opioid use appear to be doubled on days when cannabis is used, suggesting that cannabis is not being used to reduce opioid use.

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Article: Starting MOUD after hospitalization for IV drug use (IVDU)-associated endocarditis reduced mortality by 70% in the month it was received

This retrospective cohort study found mortality benefit with medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in the month it was received. Interestingly, 80% of the deaths were attributed to causes other than opioid overdose, suggesting that MOUD may provide benefits beyond reducing overdose. Maintaining patients within treatment and ensuring low-barrier access to MOUD remains a crucial factor in the outcomes of patients with OUD discharged after an IVDU-associated endocarditis.

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