



The Centers of Excellence are Here to Support and Provide Mentorship for Your OUD Practice When You Need It!

As a reminder, the Centers of Excellence are here to help you and your practice, providing both clinical and technical assistance. We can help you identify needs and provide you with individualized evidence-based resources that will support you. To request mentorship, please email your respective COE to schedule a session! (The Northern COE covers Monmouth county and above, and the Southern COE covers Mercer county and below.)

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What is "Success" and How Do You Measure and Define Outcomes in Patients with OUD?

The COEs are leading biweekly, interactive virtual educational sessions on MAT and continuous quality improvement topics through December. Our final topic for this SUD series culminates with how to measure outcomes and define success for those with OUD. To register for the ECHO series and to receive free CE credits, click [here!](#)

Next Session: Friday, December 11th, 12pm-1pm

Topic: What's Success? Measuring Outcomes

Need Additional Technical Assistance on Implementing Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Into Your Practice?

PCSS-X is a project within PCSS that provides implementation technical assistance to healthcare organizations and providers for the use and/or expansion of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services, including medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD). This program is free and you are welcome to participate in any of the sessions.

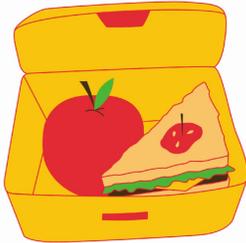


Next Session: Thursday, December 17th, 3pm-4pm

Objectives: This session will evaluate two common models of MOUD service delivery ("Nurse Care Manager" and "Hub and Spoke") and consider appropriateness of fit; identify potential OUD patients using evidence-based screening tools and consider how screening can be integrated into current patient flow; develop an MOUD implementation plan that includes clinical, documentation/metrics, and financial considerations.

[Register Here](#)

MAT Lunch Hour: December 9th



Join us for our next MAT Lunch Hour to network and collaborate.
All are welcome!

Next Forum: Wednesday, December 9th, 12pm-1pm

[Register Here](#)

Third Navigator Support Event

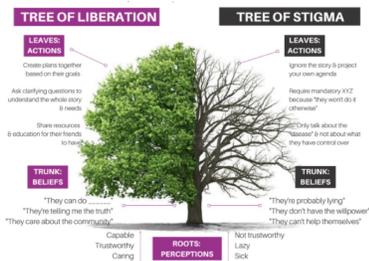


Similar to the general MAT Lunch hours, Camden Coalition will be hosting monthly Navigator Support Events open to those in the navigator role to discuss monthly case reviews, navigator referral challenges, community resource mapping, and other topics of interest. To register, click below.

Next Session: Friday, January 8th, 12pm-1:15pm

[Navigator Support Series](#)

"Respect to Connect: Undoing Stigma" Fact Sheet



This is an article that illustratively depicts stigma in the context of the lush "tree of liberation" and the barren "tree of stigma." Click below for the article and an enlarged image of the tree.

[Click Here for the Article](#)

"I Couldn't Live with Killing One of My Friends or Anybody": An Ethnographic Study of Drug Sellers' Use of Drug Checking

This is an International Journal of Drug Policy article that conducted 26 semi-structured interviews with drug sellers who tested their drugs at an overdose prevention site to examine perceptions of efficacy of drug checking. It finds that **drug sellers are concerned about the safety of their customers** and drug checking is one way to reduce harm. There is a potential role of employing harm reduction approaches with those who sell drugs.

[Click Here for the Article](#)



Post-Overdose Interventions Triggered by Calling 911: Centering the Perspectives of People Who Use Drugs (PWUDs)



This article looked to understand the perspectives of PWUDs about the method of using 911 data to identify opioid overdose cases that trigger links to post-overdose interventions. 3 focus groups with 11 PWUDs were conducted. It finds that for most participants, calling 911 was essentially "calling the police" and fears about engaging with law enforcement limit the desire to call 911. That is, most would want emergency medical assistance without the involvement of law enforcement. Therefore, it is important to understand the perspectives of PWUDs when developing interventions that rely on the 911 system.

[Click Here for the Article](#)

Is Being on MOUD in Those with OUD and Heart Failure Associated with Less Heart Failure Hospitalizations?



No studies have looked at outcomes of MOUD and heart failure hospitalizations although in patients with heart failure, having OUD is associated with a greater number of heart failure hospitalizations. Our Rutgers NJMS faculty and residents retrospectively reviewed records treated at the Rutgers NJMS ambulatory care center and found that being on MOUD is a strong predictor and independently associated with less heart failure hospitalizations. Click below for the abstract.

[Click Here for the Abstract](#)



Do You Have Feedback on Our Newsletters?

We are seeking feedback from readers. Let us know what you have liked, what you would like to see more of, and what you would like improved by filling our brief and **ANONYMOUS** survey.

Happy Holidays!

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