



Rationale for Understanding the Opioid Overdose Death Crisis as the Polysubstance Use Overdose Death Crisis

This article provides rationale for understanding overdose deaths as a **polysubstance use vs. opioid overdose death crisis**. Given that our diagnostic and therapeutic approaches will inevitably change, it emphasizes the importance of screening at office visits with the need for appropriate and timely referrals, and the need for therapy that reverses respiratory depression independent of the causative substance to save more lives.

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MAT Lunch Hour: Results from a Rutgers Study on COVID-19's Impact on MOUD Providers

Join us for the next MAT Lunch Hour to network and collaborate.

The next MAT lunch hour will feature **Peter Treitler and Jim Lloyd, research specialists from the Rutgers Institute of Health**, who will be presenting data on the impact of COVID-19 on MOUD providers in New Jersey.

Next Forum: Wednesday, January 6th, 12pm-1pm

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Beginning Effective Implementation of an MOUD 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, January 7th, 3pm-4pm

Objectives: This session will map out concrete clinical and patient flow activities and consider issues of documentation, charting, and recommended metrics. It will review steps for conducting a small pilot/demonstration buprenorphine project, with regular outcomes-monitoring to ensure a smooth scale up of treatment and care for patients with

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NJ Opioid Continuing Medical Education Six-Module Series

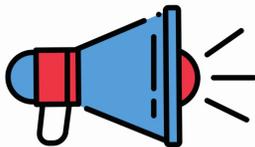


If you need additional continuation education credits, the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine is providing a live webinar and enduring recorded course series of 6 modules. Using a standardized, evidence-based opioid addiction prevention curriculum to train and inform New Jersey health care professionals, it will inform providers on best practices in opioid prescribing and patient care, in compliance with federal and state statutory and regulatory guidelines.

The intended audience includes New Jersey health care professionals with prescribing authority, such as physicians, physician assistants, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, certified nurse midwives, and advanced practice nurses, as well as licensed pharmacists, psychologists, social workers, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, registered nurses, and athletic trainers.

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Peers Speak Out! Improving Substance Use Treatment Outcomes During COVID-19



The below documents from *Community Catalyst's* Substance Use Disorders Team provide initial findings that identifies the results of treatment and recovery services most important to those with substance use challenges or in recovery, and learn whether those priorities changed during COVID-19. **Interestingly, "improving mental health" replaced "stopping all drug/alcohol use" as a top priority during COVID-19.**

[Two-Page Summary](#)

[Full Document](#)

Opportunities to Offer Harm Reduction to People Who Inject Drugs During Infectious Disease Encounters

This is an article detailing the harm reduction strategies that



can expand treatment access for SUD, improve treatment outcomes, and reduce stigma associated with IV drug use. Major target areas include teaching and education of materials related to safer injection practices, increased screening and access to pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis, and initiation of MOUD.

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