LAUNCHING OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT
In Emergency Departments

Improving access to treatment for opioid addiction is a national health priority. Emergency departments (EDs) can be an important access point for patients needing help. Addiction experts and experienced clinicians offer strategies for successful initiation of medication-assisted treatment in EDs.

Change can start with one ED doctor and one referral clinic.
Cultivate CHAMPIONS among clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, behavioral health staff, and administrators.
Encourage clinicians to get BUPRENORPHINE TRAINING.

Partner with PHARMACISTS.
Build relationships with CLINICIANS for ongoing care.
Collaborate with BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, where available.

Develop a TEAM-BASED APPROACH involving the ED, inpatient services, and outpatient clinics.
Integrate buprenorphine into SAFE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES in the ED.
Connect addiction treatment with TREATMENT OF WITHDRAWAL AND OVERDOSE.

For details on these strategies, see the full report: www.chcf.org/ED-opioid

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