



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.

TO BUILD A PROGRAM IN THE ED:

Cultivate **CHAMPIONS** among clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, behavioral health staff, and administrators.



Encourage clinicians to get **BUPRENORPHINE TRAINING**.



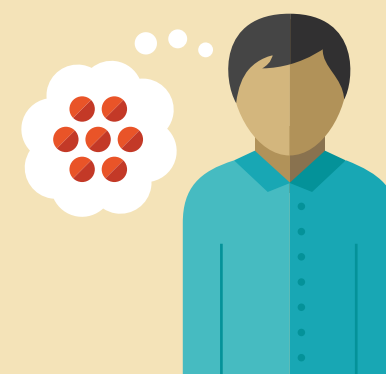
Partner with **PHARMACISTS**.



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