Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

For Healthcare and Addiction Professionals, Policymakers, Patients, and Families

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TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROTOCOL

TIP 63

SAMHSA

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Referring Patients Who Receive OUD Pharmacotherapy to Behavioral Health Therapies

Is the patient willing to engage in additional behavioral health therapies?

Yes

No

Is the patient entering an OTP for methadone or intensive treatment?

Offer best advice and ongoing motivational interviewing; revisit offer for behavioral health therapies.

Yes

No

Counseling, peer support, and case management will likely be provided through the OTP.

Identify specific needs, and refer appropriately to one or more of the following:

Counseling: Individual, family, and/or group

Peer support groups: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, SMART Recovery, buprenorphine groups

Case management

Vocational training

Housing, transportation, food, legal, and other support programs