

Buprenorphine MAT Checklist

- **Identify Appropriate Patient:** Acute opioid withdrawal COWS ≥ 8 , alert/oriented, h/o OUD, no contraindications
- **RN Document COWS:** COWS ≥ 8 required to give buprenorphine in ED (COWS scoring tool is in EPIC near CIWA scoring tool)
- **Consult SW:** Provides resources including treatment program referral sheet (off hours RN will provide referral sheet)
- **Message SUN:** Send EPIC message with patient attached to Justin Weber, LCSW (off hours he will call patient next day)
- **Order Buprenorphine (Suboxone) 2 to 8 mg SL:** "Buprenorphine Induction" order set (dose determined by severity of withdrawal)
- **Observe 45 minutes**
- **If symptoms improve, Re-dose Buprenorphine (Suboxone) 2 to 4 mg SL** (re-dose included in order set)
 - If no improvement, consider A) Insufficient dose (Tx: increase bup dose) or B) Alternative diagnosis (treat underlying cause)
 - If symptoms worsen, consider bup-induced withdrawal; Tx: A) increase bup dose or B) non-opioid meds or C) full agonist opioid
- **Observe 45 minutes**
- **Prepare for Discharge Home after second dose**

Discharge Home AFTER you complete the following:

- **Document:** Buprenorphine MAT procedure note in MDM (.BUPMDM)
- **EPIC Impressions:** Add "Opioid Use Disorder" and "Acute Opioid Withdrawal" as diagnoses
- **Buprenorphine Rx:** 3-7 days ONLY IF you have a DEA X-waiver (E-prescribe to our pharmacy ONLY; Ex: Suboxone 8/2 mg tab, 1 tab SL BID 7 days)
- **Naloxone Rx:** Discharge ALL patients with Naloxone spray Rx (even if not receiving a buprenorphine Rx)
- **D/C Instructions:** EPIC dot phrase for AVS (.BUPDC)
- **Treatment Program Referral:** SW/SUN provides referral sheet with four potential options (every patient gets the same four options, will depend on insurance); off hours RN provides referral sheet and SUN calls patient next day; treatment program info and SUN contact info also included in D/C instructions EPIC dot phrase (.BUPDC)