

Providing MOUD in Primary Care

Advantages

- Less stigmatizing
- Reinforces OUD as chronic disease
- More available than specialty OUD treatments
- Effective modality for addressing OUD that can inadvertently result from chronic pain treatment with opioids

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Disadvantages

- May not provide enough support for patients with psychiatric morbidities
- Doesn't provide patients with a supportive recovery environment
- Buprenorphine may not stem cravings and withdrawal in a person with extremely high opioid tolerance
- The 7 to 10 day 'wash-out' period with naltrexone is often not well tolerated outside of a controlled setting