

Substance Use Disorder and Pharmacy

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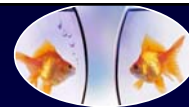
Where can I find a pharmacist?

- ◆ Community pharmacies
- ◆ Hospitals
- ◆ Community-based clinics
- ◆ Federal Government
 - Department of Veterans Affairs
 - US Public Health Service
- ◆ Academia-University
- ◆ Managed Care
- ◆ Research



Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- ◆ Pharmacotherapy to prevent relapse
- ◆ Naltrexone (oral, long acting injection)
- ◆ Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT)
 - Methadone
 - Buprenorphine/Naloxone



Barriers to MAT

- ◆ Limited treatment locations
 - Bias within neighborhoods
 - Limited prescribers: regulations or administration requirements
- ◆ Stigma in abstinence based programs (AA/NA)
- ◆ Difficulty in obtaining medication
 - Pharmacy may not carry routinely
- ◆ SUD not routinely recognized as chronic disease
 - Medication duration may vary

Overcoming Stigma



- ◆ Establish routine care with medical providers and pharmacy
- ◆ Treat using disease model
 - Relapse can be indicative of ↑ treatment needs
- ◆ Understand SUD can be chronic and MAT duration is patient specific
- ◆ Treat holistically
 - underlying comorbid disorders (psychiatric, medical)