



SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions

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Origins: DATA 2000

- ORT in Primary Care
- Previously only licensed NTPs
- “Waived” MDs only
 - 8 hour training
 - special DEA ID Number
 - No NPs, or PAs
- Only FDA approved medications for OBOT
 - Subutex and Suboxone SL tabs and film



Buprenorphine (Subutex/Suboxone)

- Semi-synthetic thebaine derivative
- ORT treats withdrawal and cravings
- Partial opioid agonist
- Strong binding affinity: can precipitate withdrawal
- Slow dissociation: opioid blockade
- Schedule III

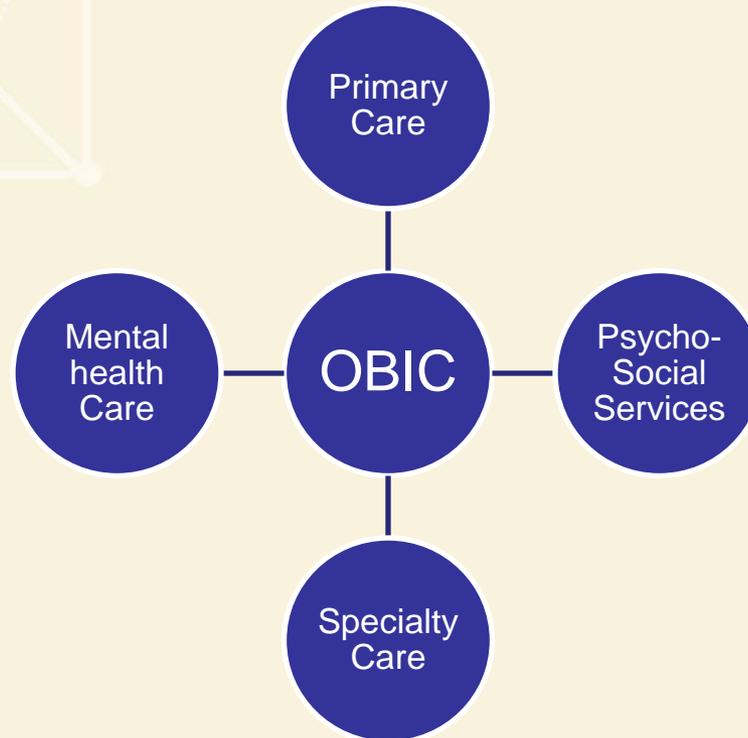


How OBIC Started

- First US clinic dedicated to buprenorphine induction alone
- Research Pilot
- Funded Program: SF DPH with UCSF staffing
- Focus on Integration



Integration Flow



OBIC Treatment : Orientation

- Referral to OBIC
- Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria: level of Care
- Confirm opiate dependence
- Labs
- Non-judgmental approach
- Consents
- Rules and expectations



OBIC Treatment: Induction

- Tox Screen
- Opiate withdrawal
- H & P: medical, psychiatric and individual needs assessment
- Psycho-social support
- Referrals as Needed: continue integration



OBIC Staffing

- 1.0 Admin. Asst.
- 1.0 State Certified AOD Counselor
- 1.5 NPs
- 0.5 MD
- CBHS in Building
 - Treatment Access Program (TAP)
 - Access to Community Mental Health
 - Pharmacy



OBIC Treatment: Services

- Medication treatment induction and services
- Patient counseling and education
- Client-centered, individualized services
- Provider Education and Support



OBIC Treatment: Medication

- MD order
- NP assessment and permission to transmit MD verbal Order
- Pharmacy Services: dispensing, education, clinical support
- Linkages to colleagues/clinics with buprenorphine services



Referrals: Integrated Community Care

- Federal and local (SFDPH) initiative
- Primary Care
- Mental Health Care
- Established or new



OBIC Role After Pt. Transfer

- Consultation
- Referral back to OBIC for stabilization
- Groups
- PRN assessment
 - From Provider
 - From pharmacy
 - From patient
 - By agreement; e.g. tox screen



Structural Integration

- E-charting (follow 42 CFR)
- Pharmacy
- Groups
- OBIC consult
- “Any Door is the Right Door”



OBIC Roles in Integration

- Buprenorphine Induction and stabilization
- Start and refer to primary care
- Start and refer to Mental Health
- Continuity or Bridge: from other systems or incarceration



Primary Care: Addiction Integration

- Model: Depression and anxiety treatment
- Pain Management
- Addiction
 - Patients present to primary care
 - Leading causes of death (e.g. smoking, cancers, HIV, etc)
 - Opiate addiction



Integration: Crucial Elements

- Attitude: hope and effectiveness
- Communication: documentation and confidentiality (42 CFR)
- Multidisciplinary attitude: no provider is alone
- Pharmacy and counseling
- Referrals
- Knowledge of the local leveled system of care



Barriers to Integration

- Decreasing numbers of waived MDs: availability
- \$ incentive?
- Provider knowledge/confidence
- Stigma
- No NP/PA
- 42 CFR
- Buprenorphine prescription record
- Knowledge of counseling resources



Benefits of Integration

- Integrated Care Outcomes
 - Decreased hospitalizations
 - Decreased symptoms
 - Improved treatment adherence
- Ease of Access: provider and patient
- Therapeutic Alliance
- Provider Confidence



Benefits and Barriers: Both

8 Hour Training

- Complex vs. Straightforward
- Analogy to other drugs



Primary Care Concerns

- Diversion
- Referral to counseling: range of options
- Tox Screen
- Training
- Tracking Rx
 - DEA visit
 - CURES/PAR report
- Financial Incentive
- Tx Failure: persistence of the abstinence model



Epilogue

Diabetes Care Model



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