

Painkiller addiction?

Opioid addiction is a treatable chronic disease of the brain.

It is estimated that over 4 million Americans are currently addicted to drugs and medications called opioids.

Examples of addictive opioids are heroin and some prescription painkillers.



There is help.

The National Alliance of Advocates for Buprenorphine Treatment
(a non-profit organization)

Buprenorphine is an opioid medication used to treat opioid addiction in the privacy of a physician's office.¹ Buprenorphine can be dispensed for take-home use, by prescription.¹ This, in addition to the pharmacological and safety profile of buprenorphine, makes it an attractive treatment for patients addicted to opioids.²

Buprenorphine is different from other opioids in that it is a **partial opioid agonist**^{*3}. This property of buprenorphine may allow for:

- Less euphoria and physical dependence.*³
- Lower potential for misuse.*³
- A ceiling on opioid effects.*³
- Relatively mild withdrawal profile.*³

*When compared with full opioid agonists (i.e. oxycodone and heroin)³

At the appropriate dose buprenorphine treatment may:

- Suppress symptoms of opioid withdrawal.²
- Reduce illicit opioid use.²
- Block the effects of other opioids.²
- Help patients stay in treatment.²

Help for you or a loved one may be as close as your Physician's office.

1 U.S. Food and Drug Administration, FDA Talk Paper, T0238, October 8, 2002, Subutex and Suboxone approved to treat opiate dependence.

2 Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Clinical Guidelines for the Use of Buprenorphine in the Treatment of Opioid Addiction. Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) Series 40. DHHS Publication No. (SMA) 04-3939. Rockville, Md: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2004.

3 Walsh SL, Eissenberg T. The clinical pharmacology of buprenorphine: extrapolating from the laboratory to the clinic. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2003;70(suppl 2):S13-S27.

Need help for painkiller addiction?

TreatmentMatch.org



A free service of
The National Alliance of Advocates
for Buprenorphine Treatment.

www.naabt.org



Patient/Physician Matching System

Anonymous • Quick • Confidential • Secure

*Helping connect patients seeking
buprenorphine treatment with
Certified Buprenorphine Physicians.*

Register for a physician to contact you:

- 1** Go to www.TreatmentMatch.org to register.
- 2** Submit the short registration form.
- 3** You will receive an automated email to confirm your registration and provide you with your NAABT ID#. When selected by a physician in your area, you will receive an email instructing you to call his/her office to discuss the possibility of treatment.

This **confidential system** allows patients to start looking for help in an anonymous, non-intimidating way 24/7.

The website also has a comprehensive **Education Section** and links to an **Online Community** for peer support.

Medication is only a small part of a recovery plan. This website can also **connect** you to **counselors** and other recovery **support services**.

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