



Emergency Department Medication-Assisted Treatment Quality Collaborative: Initiation of Buprenorphine to Treat Opioid Use Disorder

Participation Application



ED MAT QUALITY COLLABORATIVE: INITIATING BUPRENORPHINE TO TREAT PATIENTS PRESENTING IN THE ED WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER

To improve access to evidence-based interventions for patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) who present to hospital emergency rooms (related or unrelated to complications of OUD), Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) invites you to participate in the Emergency Department (ED) Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Quality Collaborative. This Collaborative will focus on improving access to buprenorphine, a type of MAT, and linking to comprehensive addiction services. The use of buprenorphine to treat withdrawal and curb opioid cravings reduces the risk for overdose and other harms associated with OUD.

The Collaborative's goals are to:

- improve patient outcomes by standardizing the use of buprenorphine in EDs and connecting OUD patients to ongoing care, including outpatient and addiction treatment services
- collect information (quantitative and qualitative) from participating hospitals to inform improvement efforts
- share information across hospitals on best practices for screening, assessment, and referrals of patients with OUD in the ED
- improve the process by which clinicians access waived prescriber lists, addiction treatment providers, and community resources

Project Description

GNYHA is committed to helping members improve outcomes for individuals with OUD through the promotion of evidence-based treatments. The evidence supports the use of MAT—the initiation of buprenorphine together with harm reduction and addiction treatment services—to reduce adverse outcomes for individuals with OUD.

The Collaborative will help hospitals implement gold-standard clinical and operational interventions based on current capacities. Interventions could include education of ED providers about MAT, buprenorphine-waiver training, strategies to standardize identification of individuals with OUD, collaboration with local addiction treatment providers, use of peers for “warm handoffs” to treatment services, and increasing access to community providers with open practices that are qualified to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid addiction treatment. The collaborative is a part of a project conducted by GNYHA's 501(c)(3) affiliate, GNYHA Foundation, and funded by the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

The ED MAT Quality Collaborative will follow the Learning Collaborative model, an approach in which a group of health care organizations come together, form interdisciplinary teams within their institutions, test and measure evidence-based practice innovations, and share their experiences to rapidly advance widespread adoption of best practices.

Through the identification and sharing of promising best practices and lessons learned, the Collaborative creates a community in which hospitals assist one another in working toward a common goal of enhancing patient outcomes and sustaining improvements.

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Project Timeline

After a kickoff meeting on January 29, the Collaborative will meet for monthly learning sessions to discuss progress and challenges, and develop solutions to project obstacles. GNYHA will also organize in-person meetings of Collaborative teams at participating hospitals to provide site-specific technical assistance. At the end of the year, a final meeting of all participants will be held.

The ED MAT Collaborative will:

- accelerate the adoption of evidence-based buprenorphine to treat opioid withdrawal and patients who present in the emergency room with OUD
- advocate use of a multidisciplinary team to address obstacles, maximize resources, and improve the ease of referrals and care coordination for effective treatment of patients with OUD
- share practical strategies that advance the Collaborative's goals while recognizing the realities of treating patients in a complex, unpredictable ED environment
- use standardized, basic, low-burden metrics to assess the effectiveness of interventions and progress toward goals
- identify structural or policy changes at the local, State, or Federal level that will further promote the Collaborative's goals for potential action and advocacy

Commitment by Participating Hospitals

Participation in the ED MAT Quality Collaborative requires hospitals to provide the resources necessary to effectively implement clinical and operational strategies to offer buprenorphine induction to appropriate ED patients with OUD, including:

- formal sign-on by hospital CEO
- dedicated implementation team
- participation in project training, site visits, and monthly conference calls
- development and implementation of an action plan to strengthen capacity to treat patients with OUD in the ED
- data and reporting on implementation milestones, successes, and barriers
- eagerness to foster an environment where participants can share knowledge with other participating hospitals

GNYHA's Role

GNYHA will commit resources to assist Collaborative hospitals, including:

- facilitating the education and training necessary for implementation
- identifying and sharing protocols, algorithms, and processes used by hospital EDs to standardize use of buprenorphine in the ED for patients with OUD
- convening hospital participants and community providers to share best practices for connecting patients to outpatient care, locate appropriate services for patients, and facilitate "warm handoffs" from ED to ambulatory care
- collecting individual hospital reports and sharing aggregate-only data progress reports to gauge improvement progress (all hospital-specific reports will remain confidential)
- facilitate access, as needed and available, to technical assistance, expertise, and information for hospital participants

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Next Steps

Please submit the attached participation application, which must be signed by your CEO and team members by February 19. We encourage all project team members to attend the January 29 kickoff event in person.

We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

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ED MAT QUALITY COLLABORATIVE – APPLICATION

Please e-mail the completed participation application to Cat Caneda at ccaneda@gnyha.org.

Chief Executive Officer: _____

Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROJECT TEAM

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Name: _____

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2. ED Clinical Director/Lead

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3. ED Administrative Director/Lead

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5. Project Lead, Addiction Medicine/Psychiatry

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6. Day-to-Day Project Manager/Key Contact

Name: _____

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7. Project Lead, Data

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Thank you.