

# BUPRENORPHINE PRESCRIBING RESOURCES



## ABOUT BUPRENORPHINE

- Buprenorphine is a partial opioid agonist used to treat opioid use disorder.
- Buprenorphine reduces opioid use and overdose deaths, keeps patients in treatment and improves various health and social outcomes.
- Buprenorphine can be prescribed in your practice, just like other medications prescribed for chronic health conditions.
- Any physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant can prescribe buprenorphine after obtaining a waiver.

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health provides free resources to help health care providers implement buprenorphine in their practice.

The Health Department offers buprenorphine waiver training, clinical mentorship, technical assistance and educational materials.



### TRAINING

- Follows “half-and-half” format: four hours of live instruction and four hours of online self-study
- Fulfills training requirement for providers to treat more than 30 patients with buprenorphine in their practice at a time.
- Occurs approximately monthly
- Can be held at your institution for groups of at least 20 prescribers



### MENTORSHIP

- Matches new or inexperienced prescribers with experienced buprenorphine prescribers (mentors)
- Is available to any Philadelphia physician, NP or PA who recently received a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine, or has previously received a waiver but never or rarely prescribed buprenorphine
- Occurs via in-person meetings, telephone, email and videoconference



### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Supports the implementation of buprenorphine into practices of any size (including hospitals, clinics and community-based settings)
- Call the Opioid Assistance Resource (OAR) Line at 267-426-5900 for 24/7 for clinical consultation support from medical professionals with expertise in managing opioid toxicity and withdrawal, including buprenorphine dosing



### EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

- Educational pamphlets and posters for patients, available in multiple languages
- Educational materials for providers

**For more information about buprenorphine prescribing resources, email [dph.opioid@phila.gov](mailto:dph.opioid@phila.gov).**

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