



Neonatal NAS Initiative Webinar

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December 10, 2019

2:00-3:00pm



General Housekeeping



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- All collaborative members want to learn from your wins and challenges so please share!





Key Driver Diagram for VON NAS initiative

SMART Aim

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Global Aim

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Please watch the following VON Micro-lessons this month (December 2019): Lesson #5 and Lesson #8

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- Avoid separation of mother and infant
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Upcoming QI learning session

- **GaPQC QI Technical Call on 12/19 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**
- **Learning session will focus on PDSA cycles and testing**
- **See calendar invite for login details**



Preview of New AAP statement on Opioid-exposed newborns

Presented by Dr. Wanda Barfield (CDC) at the Hot Topics 2019 meeting



Areas to consider for testing and implementation

- **Monitoring**
- **Feeding**
- **Discharge**



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Monitoring: All chronically opioid-exposed infants should be observed for at least 72 hours to monitor for the development of withdrawal:

1. Infants exposed to immediate-release opioids (e.g. hydrocodone) should be observed for at least 3 days
2. Infants exposed to buprenorphine and sustained-release opioids (e.g. oxycodone) should be observed for 4-7 days
3. Infants exposed to methadone should be observed for 5-7 days

Feeding: Hospitals should have a protocol for breastfeeding a substance-exposed infant

1. For infants of mothers in treatment for OUD with buprenorphine or methadone without relapse for ≥ 90 days, breastfeeding should be supported (if no other contraindications)
2. For infants of mothers with active substance use or relapses within the last 30 days, breastfeeding should be discouraged.
3. For infants of mothers in treatment between 30 and 90 days without relapse, breastfeeding should be considered
4. HIV is a contraindication to breastfeeding. Hepatitis C positive mothers with cracked or bleeding nipples should consider abstaining from breastfeeding

Discharge:

- Discharge of infants to home pharmacotherapy should be avoided and should only occur if there is a structured, close outpatient follow-up plan for the dyad
- A discharge checklist should be completed that insures
 1. No significant clinical signs of withdrawal for 24-28 hours
 2. Parent education about NOWS and routine newborn care, emphasizing safe sleep
 3. Pediatrician or primary-care provide follow-up visit with 48 hours
 4. Hepatitis C / HIV testing follow-up and referred to pediatric ID, when appropriate
 5. Appropriate referrals (Early intervention, nurse home visitation, etc.)
 6. Plan of safe care, coordinate with child welfare



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DIAGNOSIS OF
OPIOID USE DISORDER
IN PREGNANCY



MEDICATION
ASSISTED TREATMENT



PRENATAL CARE




MATERNAL
INTRAPARTUM &
POSTNATAL CARE



INFANT CARE/BREAST
FEEDING



- **SBIRT** strategy:
 - Universal **S**creening
 - **B**rief **I**ntervention
 - Refer for **T**reatment



Screening for substance abuse should be standard practice at every woman's first prenatal visit, regardless of patient ethnicity or socioeconomic status.

Use a validated screening tool

- Limitations: Relies on patient honesty and seeking prenatal care

National Institute on Drug Abuse Quick Screen

- Identifies and determines risk level for patients age 18 years and older in general medical settings
- www.drugabuse.gov/publications/resource-guide-screening-drug-use-in-general-medical-settings/nida-quick-screen

CRAFT

- For patients ages 12 to 18 years; designed to identify those at high risk for alcohol abuse and other drug use disorders
- <https://ceasar.childrenshospital.org/crafft>

4 P's Plus

- Identifies pregnant patients at risk for substance abuse
- www.ntiupstream.com/4psabout

SCREENING
TOOLS

4 P'S (PREGNANT PATIENTS)

Parents: Did any of your parents have a problem with alcohol or other drug use?

Partner: Does your partner have a problem with alcohol or drug use?

Past: In the past, have you had difficulties in your life because of alcohol or other drugs, including prescription medications?

Present: In the past month have you drunk any alcohol or used other drugs?

Scoring: Any "yes" should trigger further questions.

CRAFFT (ADOLESCENTS & YOUNG ADULTS)

- **C** Have you ever ridden in a **CAR** driven by someone (including yourself) who was high or had been using alcohol or drugs?
- **R** Do you ever use alcohol or drugs to **RELAX**, feel better about yourself, or fit in?
- **A** Do you ever use alcohol or drugs while you are by yourself or **ALONE**?
- **F** Do you ever **FORGET** things you did while using alcohol or drugs?
- **F** Do your **FAMILY** or friends ever tell you that you should cut down on your drinking or drug use?
- **T** Have you ever gotten in **TROUBLE** while you were using alcohol or drugs?

Scoring: Two or more positive items indicate the need for further assessment.



Genetic Factors

Responsible for 40-60% of vulnerability to addiction



Environmental Factors

- Low socioeconomic status
- Poor parental support
- Within-group peer deviance
- Physical/psychological abuse
- Unmarried status
- Low level of education
- Unemployed
- Caucasian
- Drug availability (that's us!)



Mental Illness

30% of people with psychiatric diagnoses abuse drugs

- 25% EtOH
- 40% nicotine
- 15% other drugs



Intrauterine
growth
restriction

Placental
insufficiency

Preterm rupture
of membranes

Premature
delivery

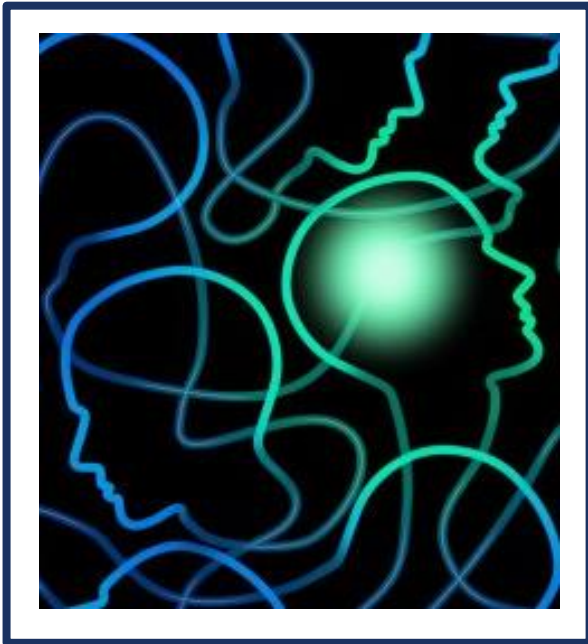
Postpartum
hemorrhage

Perinatal
mortality

Neonatal Opioid
Withdrawal
Syndrome

• OUD is “a problematic pattern of opioid use leading to clinically significant impairment or distress”

- DSMV (2015): 11 total criteria summarized by four categories:
 - **Impaired Control:** a craving or strong urge to use the substance; desire or failed attempts to cut down or control substance use
 - **Social problems:** substance use causes failure to complete major tasks at work, school, or home; social, work, or leisure activities are given up or cut back because of substance use
 - **Risky use:** use in risky settings; continued use despite known problems
 - **Pharmacologic effects:** tolerance and withdrawal symptoms
- Categorized as mild (2-3 criteria), moderate (4-5), or severe (≥ 6 criteria)



Complex Persistent Opioid Dependence (CPOD) Complex: Dependence is complicated by desire to continue taking opioid for the treatment of pain. Withdrawal is complicated by anhedonia and hyperalgesia which, unlike classic 'physical' symptoms, may not reverse within days.



Persistent: Tapering is poorly tolerated. Tapering, therefore, may fail, or is highly protracted (takes months or years).

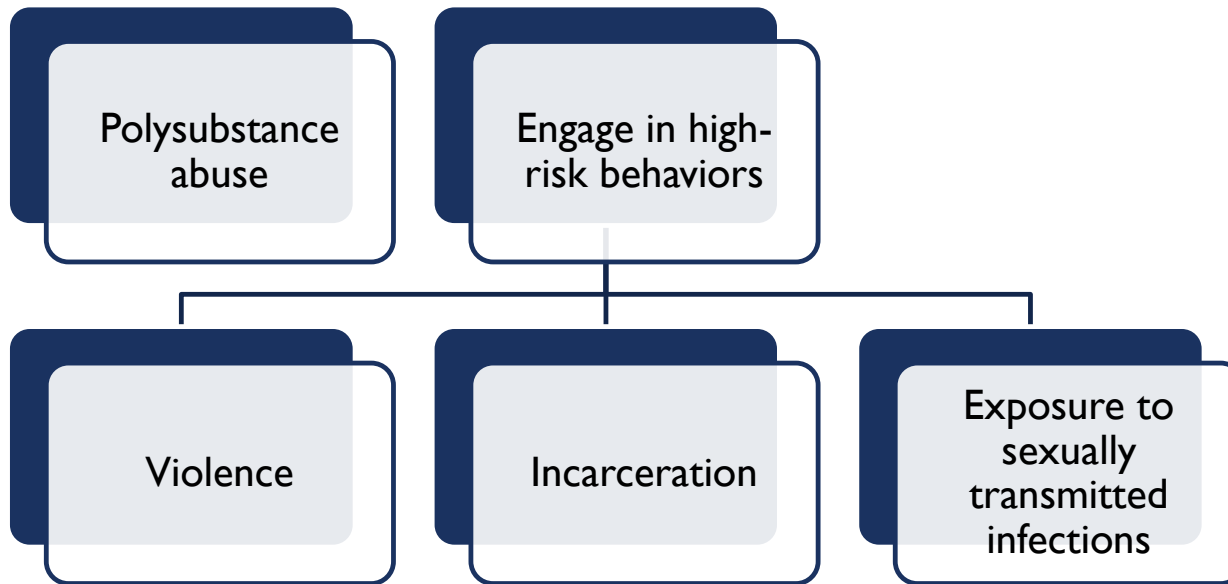


What distinguishes CPOD from OUD:

No craving	No compulsive use	No harmful use that is not medically directed	Social disruption is attributed to pain and not to OUD
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CPOD VS OUD

WOMEN WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER ARE AT RISK OF:



- Screen for infectious complications (at prenatal care and in the 3rd trimester if risky behavior continues)
 - HIV
 - Hepatitis C, B
 - Tuberculosis (hx of incarceration or homelessness)
 - Gonorrhea/Chlamydia
 - Syphilis
- Evaluate for cellulitis, Tetanus, Anthrax, Clostridium spp. infections, bacterial endocarditis in IV drug users if symptomatic
- Consider perforation of the nasal septum if opiates are snorted
- Evaluate for mental health disorders (65% of patients with SUD)
- Screen for physical/sexual abuse
 - 72.7% for physical abuse, 71.3% for emotional abuse and 44.5% for sexual abuse.
 - Abuse rates remains high during pregnancy, ranging from 40.9% for emotional abuse to 20.0% for physical abuse to 7.1% for sexual abuse

BARRIERS TO CARE

Limited financial resources

Lack of transportation

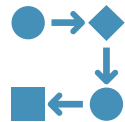
Lack of social supports in addition to child care requirements for existing children

Social stigma

Fear of losing custody of her children

Low-levels of self-esteem and education

Non adherence to treatment



The next
step is the
brief
intervention.

Engaging the
patient in a
brief,
nonjudgmental
conversation,
Providing
feedback and
advice



Explain that use disorder is a chronic disease, not a moral failing!!



Explain that there are permanent alterations in brain chemistry from using substances, and it's worse for some than others (mild vs. moderate vs. severe)



Once in recovery, always in recovery (think twice before prescribing)




For the love of all that is holy, do not **EVER** call a patient a “junkie” or “addict” [and try not to use those pejorative terms yourself]

Opioid
detoxification

Medication
assisted
treatment

Buprenorphine

Methadone



NOT recommended for pregnant women because of the high rates of maternal relapse and potential fetal risks associated with cycles of intoxication and withdrawal.


Patient should be under the supervision of a clinician experienced in peripartum addiction and should also have psychosocial interventions.

Pregnant patients insistent on withdrawing from opioids should demonstrate commitment to treatment and have plenty of support, as it will be an extended process with many challenges

The **safest time** for initiating opioid detoxification in pregnancy is the **second trimester**, and the best results are seen in programs that gradually taper methadone based on maternal symptoms.



MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT

- 
- Methadone
 - Buprenorphine

WHY USE MAT?



More likely to be discharged to the care of their mother and to remain in the care of their mother at one year of age.

Risk of PTD, placental abruption, IUFD



Delivery of low birth weight infants and NICU admission

CONCURRENT PSYCHOTHERAPY

- Psychosocial interventions have been shown to improve patient outcomes in substance abuse treatment.
- Enrollment in addiction counseling has been associated with increased retention in treatment when buprenorphine is provided in a primary care setting (Stein, Cioe, & Friedman, 2005).
- The combination of cognitive behavioral therapy and contingency management has been associated with particularly high effect sizes (Dutra et al., 2008).

METHADONE

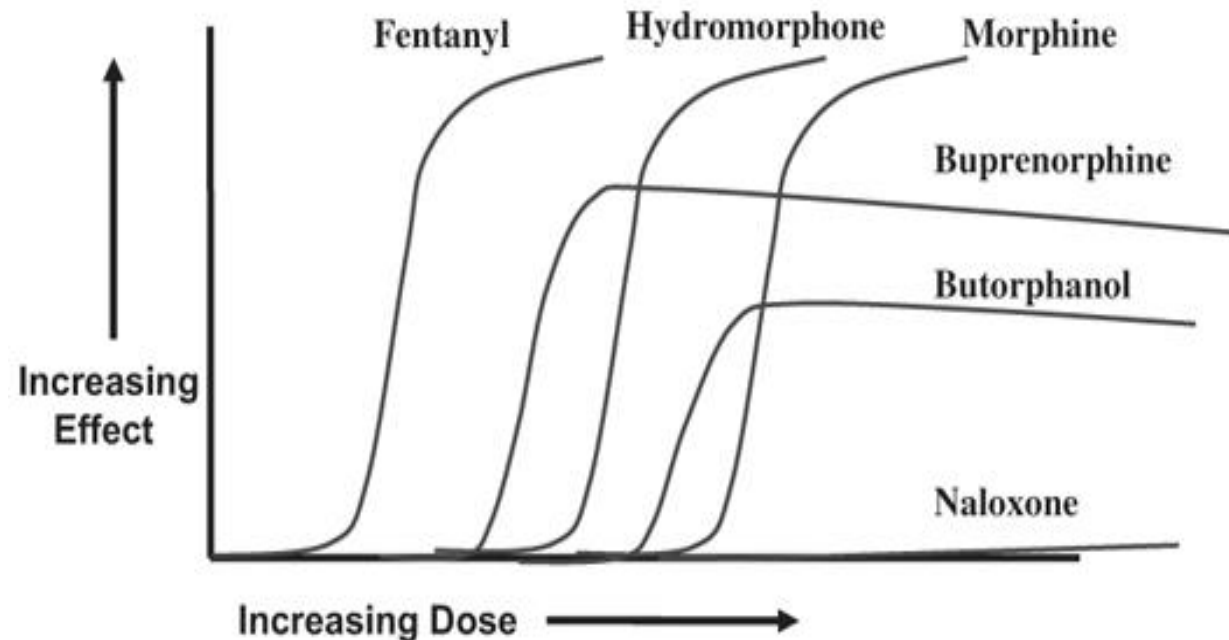
- Long acting opioid agonist
- Dispensed only through federally licensed and regulated clinics.
- Methadone clinics are often unevenly distributed geographically and this can restrict the use and availability of methadone in the treatment of addiction.
- Efavirenz (EFV), nevirapine (NVP), and lopinavir/ritonavir (LPV/r) interaction with methadone. May have to increase methadone by 5-10 mg to prevent withdrawal.

BUPRENORPHINE

- Buprenorphine is a partial-agonist at the mu opioid receptor.
- Sublingual administration for OUD
- Maximum concentration in the plasma occurs 40 minutes to 3.5 hours after administration (Elkader & Sproule, 2005).
- Highly lipid soluble and is metabolized via the CYP3A4 pathway into its primary metabolite, norbuprenorphine (Elkader & Sproule, 2005).
- Important drug-drug interactions can exist especially with protease inhibitors used in the treatment of HIV infection as well as azole antifungals (Elkader & Sproule, 2005).
- Informed consent indicating that she is aware that methadone is the standard of care during pregnancy and Buprenorphine is NOT FDA approved for use during pregnancy.

BUPRENORPHINE

- Partial mu agonist with ceiling effect
- Binds to mu receptor with very high affinity, preventing binding of other mu agonists
- Safe and efficacious in reducing opioid use and craving with significant improvements in psychosocial function
- Safer, more “friendly” side effect profile than typical mu agonists
- Also useful for treatment-resistant depression



BUPRENORPHINE FORMULATION

- **Subutex** (buprenorphine) sublingual tablet
- Probuphine (buprenorphine) implant for subdermal administration
- Sublocade (buprenorphine extended-release) injection for subcutaneous use
- **Suboxone** (buprenorphine and naloxone) sublingual film for sublingual or buccal use, or sublingual tablet.
- Bunavail (buprenorphine and naloxone) buccal film
- Cassipa (buprenorphine and naloxone) sublingual film
- Zubsolv (buprenorphine and naloxone) sublingual tablets

METHADONE VS BUPRENORPHINE

- It is an individualized choice that is best made in collaboration with the patient.
- While methadone continues to be the standard of care during pregnancy, a growing body of evidence suggests that buprenorphine is a safe alternative and many now believe it should be a first line therapy (Alto & O'Connor, 2011; Jones et al, 2010).
- Buprenorphine is associated with:
 - fewer maternal medical complications (e.g., preterm labor and overdoses) and a shorter duration of infant hospitalization
 - similar or lower frequency and/or severity of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) and are less likely to experience respiratory distress at delivery
 - Buprenorphine exposed fetuses had stronger indications of fetal well-being including heart rate variability and accelerations and better coupling between fetal movements and heart rate.
 - Less suppression in both the fetal heart rate and biophysical profile score after medication dosing.
- However, the long term data about the potential effects of buprenorphine on the fetus are limited and appropriate consent is required.

WHO CAN PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE?

- You can, in theory (Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 waiver, 8 hour course)
- SAMHSA website to search for providers (<https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/physician-program-data/treatment-physician-locator>)
- Addiction psychiatrists (psychiatrists with fellowship training)
- Addiction medicine providers (by 2022, fellowship training needed for board certification)

PRENATAL CARE FOR PATIENTS ON MAT

- Multidisciplinary approach (Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Addiction Medicine, Social Services)
- Frequent visits
- Growth US Q4 weeks due to increased risk of IUGR
- NST/BPP surveillance for usual indications
- Address smoking cessation (80-95% OUD pts also smoke cigarettes)
- Avoid benzodiazepines in patients with concurrent anxiety
 - Consider Diphenhydramine or Hydroxyzine
- Social factors such as homelessness, violence, poor nutrition and co-morbid psychiatric conditions
- Contraception
- UDS at every visit while on MAT

WHAT ABOUT URINE DRUG SCREEN?

ACOG and ASAM Recommendations:

While not the standard of care for screening for substance use during pregnancy, ACOG recommends that urine drug testing can be performed as an adjunct to either detect or confirm substance use.

- Obtain patient's consent prior to ordering a screening UDS.
- If unexpected positive, order gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GCMS) to confirm.

KNOW YOUR STATE LAWS

- Think about legal implications.
- In Georgia, do you need to notify the state about positive UDS in pregnancy?
 - NO 😊
- <https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/substance-use-during-pregnancy>

PREPARE FOR DELIVERY

- Reinforce doctor-patient confidentiality
- Discuss pain management during labor
- Discuss neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Address partner involvement and if he/she needs substance abuse treatment
- Assess home safety

ITS SHOW TIME!! LABOR AND DELIVERY

- DO NOT discontinue buprenorphine/methadone in labor
- Consider split dosing of buprenorphine (Q6 h)
- Epidural analgesia is preferred
- If need to administer IV medications, pt's will need more opioids (30-50%) to achieve pain control
- DO NOT administer Nubain (nalbuphine) or Stadol (butarphanol) for pain

DURING CESAREAN DELIVERY

- DO NOT discontinue buprenorphine/methadone
- Epidural or spinal analgesia is preferred
- Use usual intraoperative pain protocols
- Coach patients to understand normal pressure pain felt during cesarean delivery

POSTPARTUM PAIN MANAGEMENT

- Regardless of mode of delivery, continue buprenorphine/methadone
- Vaginal delivery:
 - NSAIDs, acetaminophen, Ice packs, and other non-opioid strategies.
 - If pain is severe enough to require opioids, consider acetaminophen/hydrocodone before starting acetaminophen/oxycodone or oxycodone.
- Cesarean delivery:
 - Continue epidural analgesia for 24 hours postpartum
 - NSAIDs, acetaminophen, Ice packs, and other non-opioid strategies.
 - If pain is severe enough to require opioids, consider acetaminophen/hydrocodone before starting acetaminophen/oxycodone or oxycodone.
- AVOID CODEINE and TRAMADOL
- Bottom line: Start slow and titrate up

BREASTFEEDING

- Buprenorphine package insert advises against breastfeeding.

BUT

- ACOG and ASAM (2012) agree that “patient stabilization with opioid-assisted therapy [including buprenorphine] is compatible with breastfeeding.”

THE ACADEMY OF BREASTFEEDING MEDICINE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE (ABMPC) (2009)

- Careful evaluation of the benefits and risks of breastfeeding in women with opioid use disorders.
- **Breastfeeding recommended**
 - Women who have been abstinent from illicit drug use in the 90 days prior to delivery in an outpatient setting, and if she has received consistent prenatal care.
- **Breastfeeding NOT recommended**
 - Women who have not received prenatal care, have relapsed to illicit substances in the 30 days prior to delivery and who are not planning to engage in substance abuse treatment postpartum.
- **Case by case decision making is recommended**
 - Women who have achieved sobriety in the 30 days prior to delivery but who have relapsed in the 90 day period

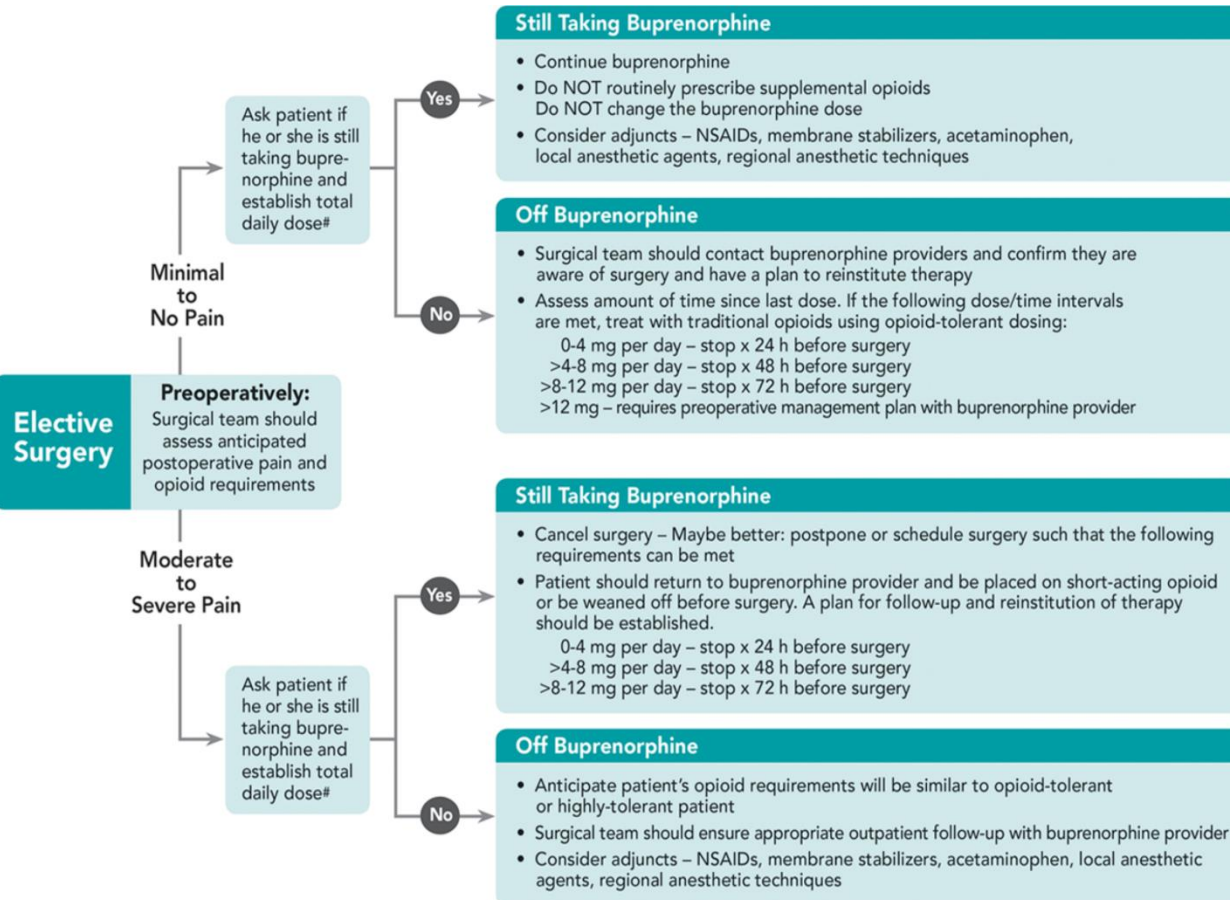
BREASTFEEDING

- The relative ingestion per kilogram of infant bodyweight is less than 1% of the dose per bodyweight of the mother (buprenorphine)
- Breastfed infants have less severe NAS
- Hepatitis C is not a contraindication, unless nipples are cracked/bleeding
- HIV is a contraindication in the US

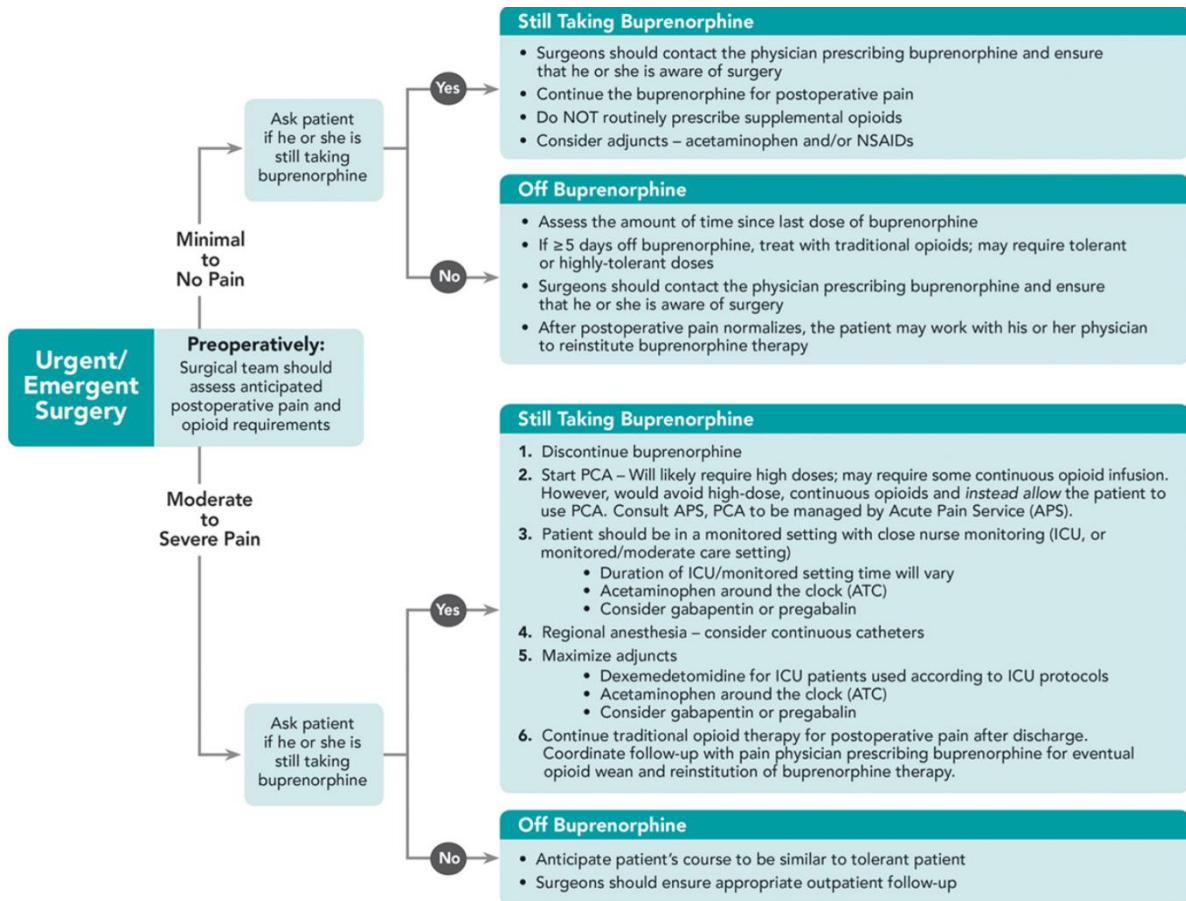
DISCHARGE PLANNING

- Refer the patients back to their Addiction specialist after delivery. Contact the patient's prenatal buprenorphine provider to confirm the plan for ongoing buprenorphine prescribing after discharge.
- Continue buprenorphine/methadone at the same dose
- If there will be a delay in re-establishing care with her buprenorphine prescriber, a provider with a DEA waiver, either on the hospital team or on her outpatient team, must write a prescription for enough buprenorphine to last until the follow up appointment
- Close follow up needed
- Increased risk of relapse after delivery if patient stops MAT

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CLINICAL OPIATE WITHDRAWAL SCALE

<p>Resting Pulse Rate: _____ beats/minute <i>Measured after patient is sitting or lying for one minute</i></p> <p>0 pulse rate 80 or below 1 pulse rate 81-100 2 pulse rate 101-120 4 pulse rate greater than 120</p>	<p>GI Upset: <i>over last 1/2 hour</i></p> <p>0 no GI symptoms 1 stomach cramps 2 nausea or loose stool 3 vomiting or diarrhea 5 multiple episodes of diarrhea or vomiting</p>
<p>Sweating: <i>over past 1/2 hour not accounted for by room temperature or patient activity.</i></p> <p>0 no report of chills or flushing 1 subjective report of chills or flushing 2 flushed or observable moistness on face 3 beads of sweat on brow or face 4 sweat streaming off face</p>	<p>Tremor <i>observation of outstretched hands</i></p> <p>0 no tremor 1 tremor can be felt, but not observed 2 slight tremor observable 4 gross tremor or muscle twitching</p>
<p>Restlessness <i>Observation during assessment</i></p> <p>0 able to sit still 1 reports difficulty sitting still, but is able to do so 3 frequent shifting or extraneous movements of legs/arms 5 unable to sit still for more than a few seconds</p>	<p>Yawning <i>Observation during assessment</i></p> <p>0 no yawning 1 yawning once or twice during assessment 2 yawning three or more times during assessment 4 yawning several times/minute</p>
<p>Pupil size</p> <p>0 pupils pinned or normal size for room light 1 pupils possibly larger than normal for room light 2 pupils moderately dilated 5 pupils so dilated that only the rim of the iris is visible</p>	<p>Anxiety or Irritability</p> <p>0 none 1 patient reports increasing irritability or anxiousness 2 patient obviously irritable or anxious 4 patient so irritable or anxious that participation in the assessment is difficult</p>
<p>Bone or Joint aches <i>If patient was having pain previously, only the additional component attributed to opiates withdrawal is scored</i></p> <p>0 not present 1 mild diffuse discomfort 2 patient reports severe diffuse aching of joints/muscles 4 patient is rubbing joints or muscles and is unable to sit still because of discomfort</p>	<p>Gooseflesh skin</p> <p>0 skin is smooth 3 piloerection of skin can be felt or hairs standing up on arms 5 prominent piloerection</p>
<p>Runny nose or tearing <i>Not accounted for by cold symptoms or allergies</i></p> <p>0 not present 1 nasal stuffiness or unusually moist eyes 2 nose running or tearing 4 nose constantly running or tears streaming down cheeks</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Total Score _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The total score is the sum of all 11 items</p> <p>Initials of person completing assessment: _____</p>

Score: 5-12 = mild; 13-24 = moderate; 25-36 = moderately severe; more than 36 = severe withdrawal

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SUMMARY

- Use disorder is a chronic disease, not a moral failing!!
- Most post-detox patients will relapse without treatment (>90%!!)
- Treatment for opioid use disorder works. Get these patients into it.

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QUESTIONS?

Average Length of Stay Calculations

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Example of Facility-Specific LOS

EXAMPLE HOSPITAL										
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		Overall	
	Exposed	Prim_Case	Exposed	Prim_Case	Exposed	Prim_Case	Exposed	Prim_Case	Exposed	Prim_Case
2017	9.4 (0.0, 22.2) (n = 9)	9.5 (3.1, 15.9) (n = 2)	5.8 (1.2, 10.3) (n = 8)	22 (N/A) (n = 1)	3.6 (1.2, 6.0) (n = 8)	2 (N/A) (n = 1)	7.5 (0.0, 23.0) (n = 4)	4 (N/A) (n = 1)	6.6 (2.7, 10.4) (n = 29)	9.4 (0.0, 19.1) (n = 5)
2018	3.3 (1.2, 5.3) (n = 4)	10.2 (8.4, 12.0) (n = 5)	1.7 (1.0, 2.4) (n = 7)	12 (5.7, 18.3) (n = 5)	3.3 (0.5, 6.0) (n = 7)	8.7 (0.0, 19.0) (n = 3)	10 (0.0, 86.2) (n = 2)	7 (N/A) (n = 1)	3.4 (1.7, 5.1) (n = 20)	10.3 (8.1, 12.4) (n = 14)
2019	5 (N/A) (n = 1)	N/A (N/A) (n = 0)	2 (N/A) (n = 2)	N/A (N/A) (n = 0)	-	-	-	-	3.0 (1.0, 4.0) (n = 3)	N/A (N/A) (n = 0)

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Table 2A. **Length of Stay among Nursery Infants by NAS Status, Georgia 2017**

Length of Stay (DAYS)	NAS Infants ⁴ Mean (95% CI)	Non-NAS Infants Mean (95% CI)
NURSERY	4.47 (4.06, 4.87)	2.55 (2.54, 2.57)

Table 2B. **Length of Stay among Nursery Infants with NAS by ICD-10-CM Code, Georgia 2017¹**

Length of Stay (DAYS)	Infants Experiencing Withdrawal ² Mean (95% CI)	Infants Exposed ³ Mean (95% CI)
NURSERY	11.17 (9.30, 13.04)	3.03 (2.86, 3.21)

https://dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/MCH/NAS/NAS_Brochure_2017_FINAL_Digital.pdf

Length of Stay (days) among NAS Infants by Primary Case, HDD 2017 - Q2 2019, Georgia			
	Exposed	Prim_Case	Overall
	Mean (95% CI) (n)	Mean (95% CI) (n)	Mean (95% CI) (n)
2017	6.3 (5.6, 6.9) (n = 1121)	16.6 (15.1, 18.1) (n = 456)	9.3 (8.6, 9.9) (n = 1577)
2018	6.5 (5.8, 7.2) (n = 1024)	16.7 (15.3, 18.2) (n = 431)	9.6 (8.9, 10.3) (n = 1455)
2019 Q1 - Q2	6.6 (5.0, 8.2) (n = 132)	19.6 (14.6, 24.6) (n = 82)	11.6 (9.3, 13.9) (n = 214)

Length of Stay (days) among NAS Infants from GaPQC Facilities Only by Primary Case, HDD 2017 - Q2 2019, Georgia			
	Exposed	Prim_Case	Overall
	Mean (95% CI) (n)	Mean (95% CI) (n)	Mean (95% CI) (n)
2017	6.9 (6.0, 7.7) (n = 771)	17.8 (15.9, 19.7) (n = 318)	10.1 (9.2, 10.9) (n = 1089)
2018	7.5 (6.5, 8.4) (n = 746)	16.3 (14.7, 17.8) (n = 331)	10.2 (9.3, 11.0) (n = 1077)
2019 Q1 - Q2	7.6 (5.5, 9.8) (n = 88)	22.9 (16.4, 29.5) (n = 59)	13.8 (10.6, 16.9) (n = 147)

Reminders



- **QI Technical Assistance call on December 19th from 1-2pm.**
- **Next call is January 14th from 2-3pm. The topic is Eat, Sleep, Console.**

