

Virtual GBOT workflow

REFERRAL to GBOT

(we have a EHR “pool” that goes to our OBOT nurses):

Patient **referred** from:

- walk-in/self referred
- internal PCP
- higher level of care: detox, Inpatient, IOP, methadone clinic

Screening:

OBOT nurse calls patient:

- assesses appropriateness for GBOT (see triage script in GBOT manual)

OBOT nurse INTAKE appt:

- 1) takes full addiction hx
- 2) consents patient for treatment:
 - a) B/N consent
 - b) Group visit consent (→ see GBOT manual for sample forms)
- 3) Reviews expectations/ policies for group: honesty, attendance, UDS, relapse
- 4) Obtains UDS and orders future UDS
- 5) Sets up f/u appt with MD/PA
- 6) Gets MD/PA to write B/N bridge script to first appt
- 7) Identifies group patient will attend and sends message to MA to set patient up for virtual visit

Individual visit with MD

- takes history (focus on addiction and psychosocial hx) → see GBOT manual for template
- reviews policies/expectations of group
- writes bridge B/N rx to last patient until first group

MA connects patient to virtual format:

- MA calls patient
- patient must have e-mail address; helps them set up
- sends e-mail link to virtual format (Google Meet, Zoom)
- ensures patient can access virtual format (trial run)

Group:

- Welcome!
- Invite new people to introduce themselves (new patients, observers)
- Read group ground rules → see GBOT manual sample ground rules
- Activity (usually 5-10 min) → see GBOT manual for sample activities
- Individual check-ins (majority of time)
- Wrap up/patients encouraged to stick around after if they have a ? for providers

Providers in attendance & their roles:

- MD/PA/resident (facilitates, time keeps, writes note, bills-most 99213, prescribes B/N)
- OBOT nurse (helps facilitate, reads ground rules, sometimes leads activity)
- MA (helps patients when they are having hard time logging in, mutes patients, sometimes leads activity)

Hot tips for efficiency:

- Create templated note: provider only has to enter patient’s “check in” into HPI; see GBOT manual for note template
- patients can complete form *before* group (sent by MA) and MA enters answers into clinic note; see GBOT manual for pre-visit questionnaire

Team meeting after group

- 1) recap how group went: activity, patient participation, facilitation, virtual format; consider changes for future sessions
- 2) identify concerning patients and those who missed group, discuss their needs/management plan, and divvy up responsibilities among providers:
 - a) OBOT nurse f/u phone calls for addiction & MH support, higher level of care if needed
 - b) MA f/u call to help with virtual format
 - c) Asked to submit random urine w/in 48 hours
 - d) Schedule appt with individual provider (if not able to attend group regularly, need enhanced support, have primary care needs)
 - e) other: connect to MH provider, help with transportation, etc.
- 4) Review any logistical issues: workflow, provider attendance

Between groups

- team members f/u on “to do’s”
- urines collected for concerning patients
- MA sends reminder e-mails about upcoming group
- providers plan next group activity