

Recovery-Oriented Opioid Dependency Treatment Services

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- What is the current prevalence of opioid dependency in the U.S.A.?
- How does the *new* recovery movement relate to the opioid treatment infrastructure?
- What does Medication-Assisted Recovery look like?

Epidemiology

- Opioid addiction rates are level or have increased nationally over the past few years (CSAT, 2008).
- Prescription drug misuse, abuse, and dependency are on the increase (primarily among the opiate class); 7.0 M persons abused psychotherapeutic meds. in 2006:
5.2 Pain, 1.2 Tranq., 1.2 Stim., 0.4 Sed (NIDA, 2008)
- “Party Pack” Soma, Xanax & Lortab.

Criticisms of the acute model of addiction treatment (White, 2006)

- Failure to attract, engage, and retain.
- Inadequate Service Dose
- Lack of continuing care
- Recovery Outcomes
- Revolving Door

How do these apply to MAT?

Retention in Treatment

(TIP-43, CSAT, 2005)

- *Individualized Medication Dosages
- Clear Programmatic Goals
- Attention to Financial Needs
- *Reduced Attendance Burden
- Therapeutic Alliance
- Staff Fidelity to MAT model
- Appropriate Mutual-Help Fellowship

Georgia Experience

- Policy Issues: Opioid Maintenance Treatment (OMT), Service Definition.
- What's in a name?
- Benefit pays for a single daily in clinic dose of methadone (x 180 days)
- Doesn't pay for psycho-social services or take-home medication
- Has yet to include Buprenorphine

Georgia Experience cont.

- Ongoing Coinfection Study
- Quality Improvement Project
- Needs Assessment
- Clinic Surveys (n=36)
- Stakeholder Organization Surveys
- Consumer Focus Groups (Questions)
- Policy Updates

“The Joy of Being Normal”

Video vignettes represent pro-social role functioning and goal attainment :

- Parenting
- Working
- Leisure
- Spiritual
- Self-care and wellness