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Buprenorphine and the pathway to a renewed life

"Preventing Opioid Misuse and Abuse" is one of the most popular and important educational topics offered by IL ADVANCE. Key messages relevant to prescriber practice include screening, tapering, and treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). Discussion about screening is important for providers as 2019 data showed only 1 in 5 patients with OUD received treatment. Some subgroups in the study had even lower rates. Easy-to-use tapering resources that include when to consider a taper and examples of varying rates of taper can be valuable tools for providers. We received consistent feedback that providers wanted more detailed information on buprenorphine treatment, especially initiating treatment of OUD. In response we have developed supplemental material, "Buprenorphine: Increasing Access to Recovery".

In this brochure we discuss:

- Practical information about starting buprenorphine in patients with OUD.
- Transmucosal and injectable buprenorphine products.
- Managing withdrawal symptoms using supportive care medications.
- Alternatives to the standard buprenorphine protocol in the era of fentanyl.

Prescribers in Illinois can receive 0.5 CE for this 20-minute appointment. Schedule your appointment HERE

REMS Program Ends Soon - Act Now!

In September 2022, UIC College of Pharmacy secured an unrestricted educational grant from the FDA REMS Committee to provide vital education on the safe use of opioids. As the Opioid REMS program concludes on February 17, we celebrate the success of over 1300 academic detailing visits provided by Illinois ADVANCE to healthcare providers, including nurses and pharmacists, across the nation.

Don't miss this opportunity—click **here** to experience our interactive program and contribute to the ongoing effort to reduce opioid-related risks!

Cheers to a Happy Retirement!

Donna Clay, Associate Director of Medicaid Programs, is retiring on January 31, 2024, after 17 years at the University of Illinois Chicago. A former Iowa Hawkeye, Donna started her career as a Drug Information Specialist. She then transitioned to Illinois Medicaid Services and UIC, where she excelled in prior authorization, legislative policies, and building the Illinois ADVANCE academic detailing program. Donna and her husband Bill plan to travel, spend time with family, and watch more Hallmark movies, as they go through their bucket list of adventures. Congratulations, Donna!

- **For more more information about our program, click here.**