MOUD and the COVID-19 National Emergency Response

Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts
CA Bridge to Treatment
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   Jodi Manz, MSW
   Daniel McClughen, Esq.
Introduction to the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE)

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Brief Overview of the Foundation’s Origins, Staff, and Goals

Founded in 2018, the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) is a 501(c)(3) private, national, grantmaking foundation focused on one urgent public health emergency – the opioid crisis.

Leadership and staff have significant expertise and passion for applying innovation and evidence-based science to significant public health challenges, through biomedical research, public policy, healthcare delivery, and health philanthropy positions.

Now more than ever, it is critical to think creatively, test new approaches, and enhance and expand activities proven to prevent and treat opioid use disorder.

FORE is committed to funding a diversity of projects that contribute solutions to the crisis at national, state, and community levels.
FORE’s COVID-19 National Emergency Response

- FORE is looking for ways to provide broad assistance during this time of uncertainty
- Up-to-date Resources
- Webinars
- Facilitating connections with experts and technical assistance
- Submit your concerns and ideas

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Webinar Panel

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Disclaimers

- Not a legal scholar
- Check with your health system
- Check with your public health department
- Rapidly changing
GOAL: Ensure that people with substance use disorder receive 24/7 high-quality care in every California health system.

1. Patient with SUD is identified
2. SUN talks to patient
3. SUN consults with provider to start treatment
4. SUN guides patient through next steps of ongoing care

SUN: Substance Use Navigator
• Over 50 hospitals
• Over 3,500 patients started on buprenorphine
• Low barrier, high support
COVID-19 Vulnerabilities

- People experiencing homelessness
- People with comorbidities
- Stigma, racism, fear of healthcare system
COVID-19 Risks

- Withdrawal with quarantine/isolation
- Drug supply chain disruption
- Syringe supply disruption
- Overdose with social distancing
Flatten the Curve

Collective action can limit the rise of new COVID-19 infections and help hospitals manage increased demand for care.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES
- **Personal**: Hygiene & Safety Measures
- **Community**: Social Distancing
- **Environmental**: Cleaning Surfaces

Source: CDC
Social Distancing & Quarantine

- Extend prescriptions
  - Patient selection & safe storage
  - PDMP
  - SubQ buprenorphine
- Home starts
- Telephone-based care
- Groups
- Pharmacy home delivery
Telephones and Telehealth

• New starts:
  • Audio/visual evaluation without face to face
  • HIPAA: Zoom, Facetime
  • Face to face with phone consultation

• Ongoing care:
  • Phone or audio/visual visits
Harm Reduction

- Overdose prevention:
  - Naloxone
  - Fentanyl test strips
  - Calls, video chats, [https://neverusealone.com](https://neverusealone.com)

- Safe consumption supplies
  - Deliveries, open air
  - Physician dispensing (CA)
Harm Reduction

- Cleaning space and supplies
- Withdrawal from other substances: medication and self taper
  - Nicotine
  - Alcohol
  - Stimulants
Patients in Opioid Treatment Programs

- Notify immediately if patient quarantined
- Medication delivery
- Clinic-wide approval for take homes: 14 vs. 28 days
- Decreased counseling and urine toxicology
Wellbeing

- Counseling & groups
- Phone & text support
- Stigma
- Finances
- Patients & providers
Navigators and Peers

- Working remotely
  - General
  - Vulnerable workers
  - EHR, phone consultations, patient materials on site
- PPE & COVID policy training
Big Picture

- Increase support
- Decrease in-person contact
- Reduce harms
- Protect caregivers
Resources

http://neverusealone.com/


http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?article=9&chapter=9.&division=2.&lawCode=BPC&part=&title=


https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/coronavirus.html


Take Care of Yourself!
Thank You For Your Work!

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Questions?

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