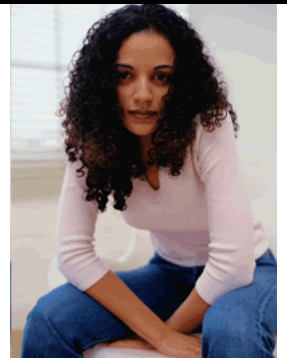


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Withdrawal from Opioids With Buprenorphine

Occupational Medicine Services+



- ❖ Opioid dependence is recognized by the World Health Organization as a brain disease
- ❖ Opioid dependence is a condition that involves the physical, psychological, and behavioral need for an opioid, and affects every aspect of a person's life
- ❖ Opioid prescription painkillers are chemically similar to heroin and can be as addictive
- ❖ The social stigma attached to opioid dependence is so strong that some people will continue using opioids than risk possible exposure by seeking treatment
- ❖ Historically, the primary treatment option for patients with opioid dependence has been methadone, most often administered in a clinic setting
- ❖ Psychosocial counseling is a critical component of opioid-dependence treatment
- ❖ A new treatment option has been available since 2003, which can be prescribed by trained physicians in the privacy of an office setting

Comprehensive assessment for opioid (codeine, oxycontin, Percocet, morphine, Vicodin, etc.) abuse,

Drug and alcohol screening tests

Additional testing as needed

Coordination with therapist, pharmacist, and primary care doctor

Confidential treatment in the setting of a private office



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