Approach to Starting Buprenorphine in the ED

Buprenorphine Macrodosing Initiation

Macrodosing is an alternative approach to initiating buprenorphine for patients who do not meet traditional criteria and for whom delays in treatment pose significant risk.

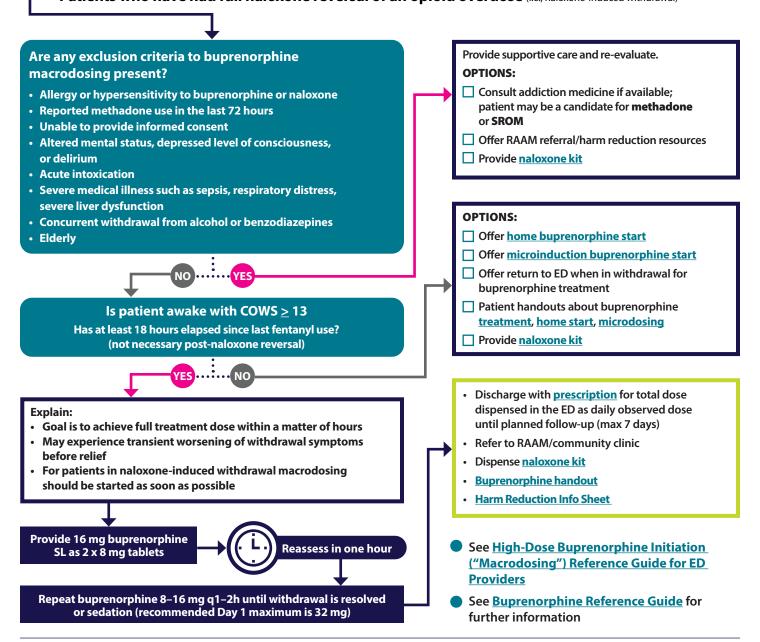
Macrodosing should be reserved for people with high opioid tolerance. Higher initial and total

Day 1 doses are off-label but have been shown to be effective in achieving therapeutic levels of buprenorphine.1

Contact ED substance use navigator/hospital to home coordinator if available.

Indications:

- Patients in withdrawal from fentanyl use, or
- Patients who have had full naloxone reversal of an opioid overdose (i.e., naloxone-induced withdrawal)



https://cabridge.org/resource/starting-buprenorphine-immediately-after-reversal-of-opioid-overdose-with-naloxone/



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