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Birth Community Engagement & Symposium Series

Opioid Use During Pregnancy and Lactation: Clinical Care at UCSD & Community Pathways

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Learning Objectives

1. Provide information on addiction, including the physiological, psychological, and social aspects of Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorders (OUD)
2. Detail the outpatient and inpatient care management strategies for pregnant people with OUD at UC San Diego Health, emphasizing best practices and effective screening and treatment protocols.
3. Describe the withdrawal symptoms associated with opioids and the protocols for managing withdrawal in both mothers and newborns. Explain the symptoms, diagnosis, and management of Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS), including the impact of maternal opioid use on newborns and lactation.
4. Present the role of community resources, such as the McAlister Institute, in supporting pregnant people with OUD and their families and provide an overview of the Healthy Brain and Child Development (HBCD) program, its objectives, and how it supports mothers and infants affected by opioid use.
5. Discuss Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT): Explain the use of FDA-approved medications like methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone in the treatment of OUD during pregnancy.
6. Explore how implicit biases related to race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, and socioeconomic status can affect healthcare decisions for pregnant people and families experiencing OUD and SUD. Discuss strategies to mitigate these biases to reduce healthcare disparities and ensure fair and equitable treatment for all patients.

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Setting the Stage – Addiction, Substance Use Disorders, and Opioid Use Disorder



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What is Addiction?

Part 1: A treatable, chronic medical disease involving complex interactions among brain circuits, genetics, the environment, and an individual's life experiences.

Part 2: People with addiction use substances or engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences.

Part 3: Prevention efforts and treatment approaches for addiction are generally as successful as those for other chronic diseases.

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What is Addiction? Part I

A treatable, chronic medical disease involving complex interactions among brain circuits, genetics, the environment, and an individual's life experiences.

- Genetic vulnerability
- Brain structure changes with long term use
- Biochemical changes after repeated stimulation of dopamine reward pathways

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What is Addiction? Part 2

People with addiction use substances or engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences.

Impaired Control

Taking the substance in **larger amounts or for longer** than you intend

Unable to quit or cut down

Spending a lot of time getting, using, or recovering from use of the substance

Cravings

Social Problems

Problems at work, school, or home because of substance use

Interpersonal problems or causing **problems in relationships**

Giving up **important activities** to use instead

Risky Use

Hazardous use

Continuing use, despite causing/worsening physical/psychological **problems**

Physical/Pharmacological

Tolerance

Withdrawal

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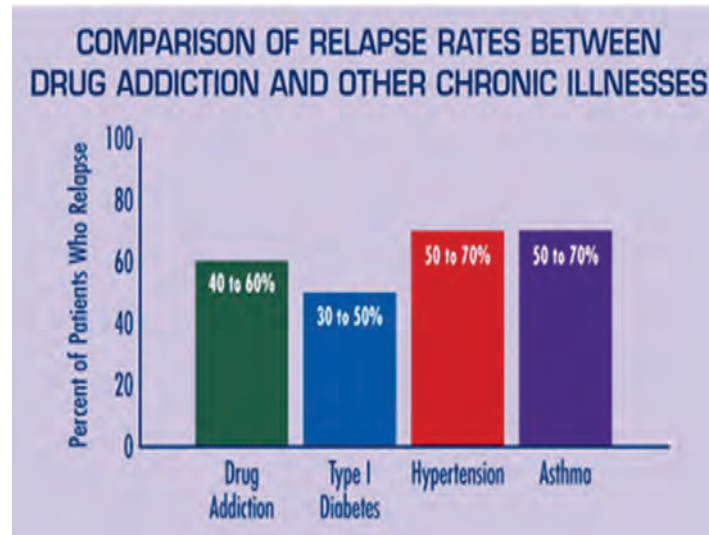
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American Society of Addiction Medicine – 2019
<https://www.asam.org/Quality-Science/definition-of-addiction>

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What is Addiction? Part 3

Prevention efforts and treatment approaches for addiction are generally as successful as those for other chronic diseases.



Similarly to diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma...

- Biologically, psychologically, and socially mediated
- Lifestyle and meds both can help
- Symptoms relapse and remit

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Why Treat Substance Use Disorders?

- Be aware of our Implicit Bias
- SUDs common and easily identified
- Effective treatment exists
- Similar outcomes to other chronic diseases
- Rewarding to watch patient's lives improve

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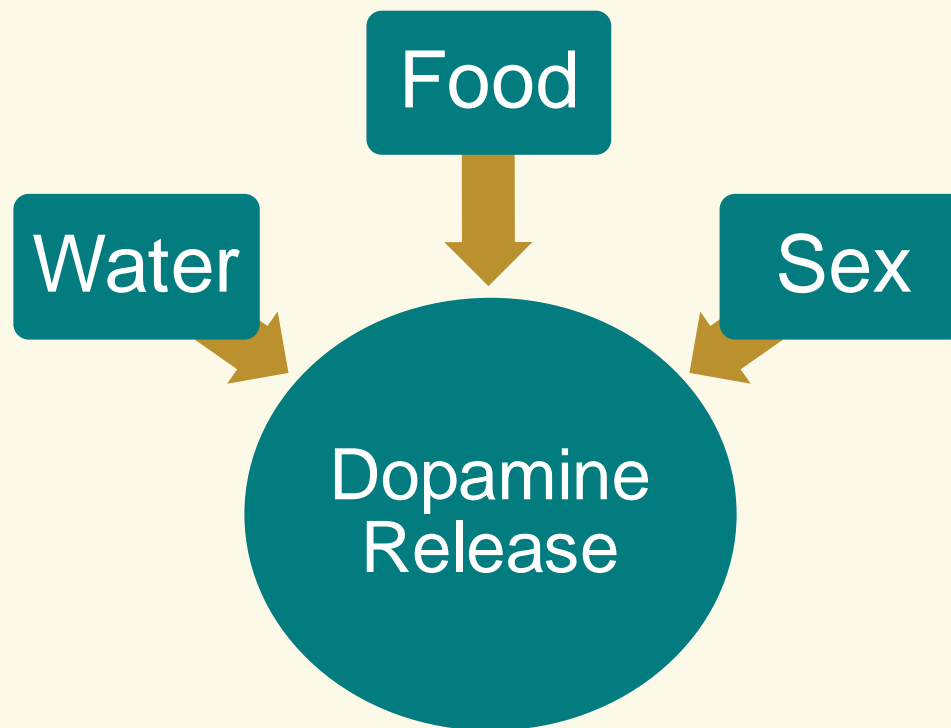
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Natural rewards release dopamine



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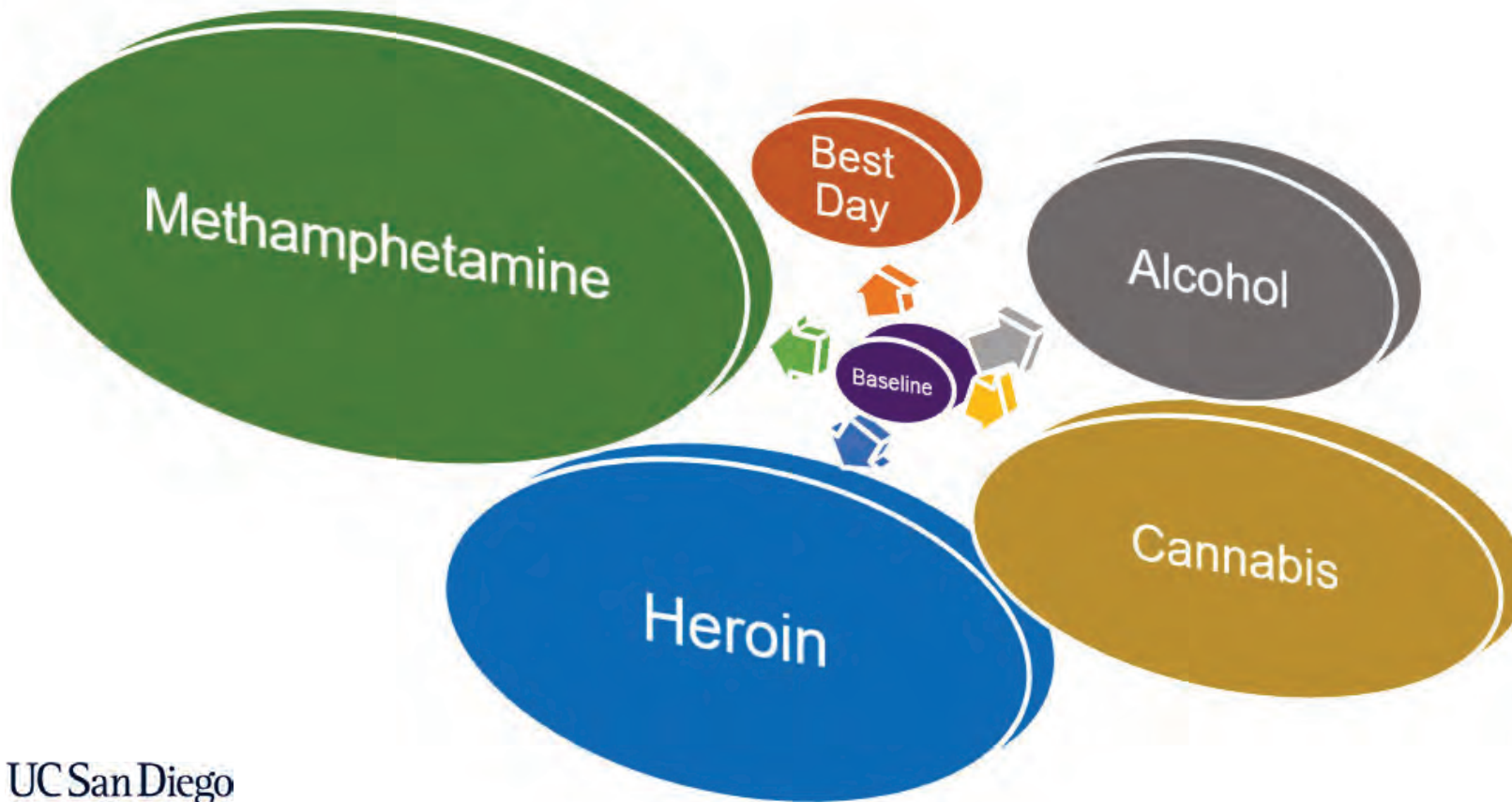
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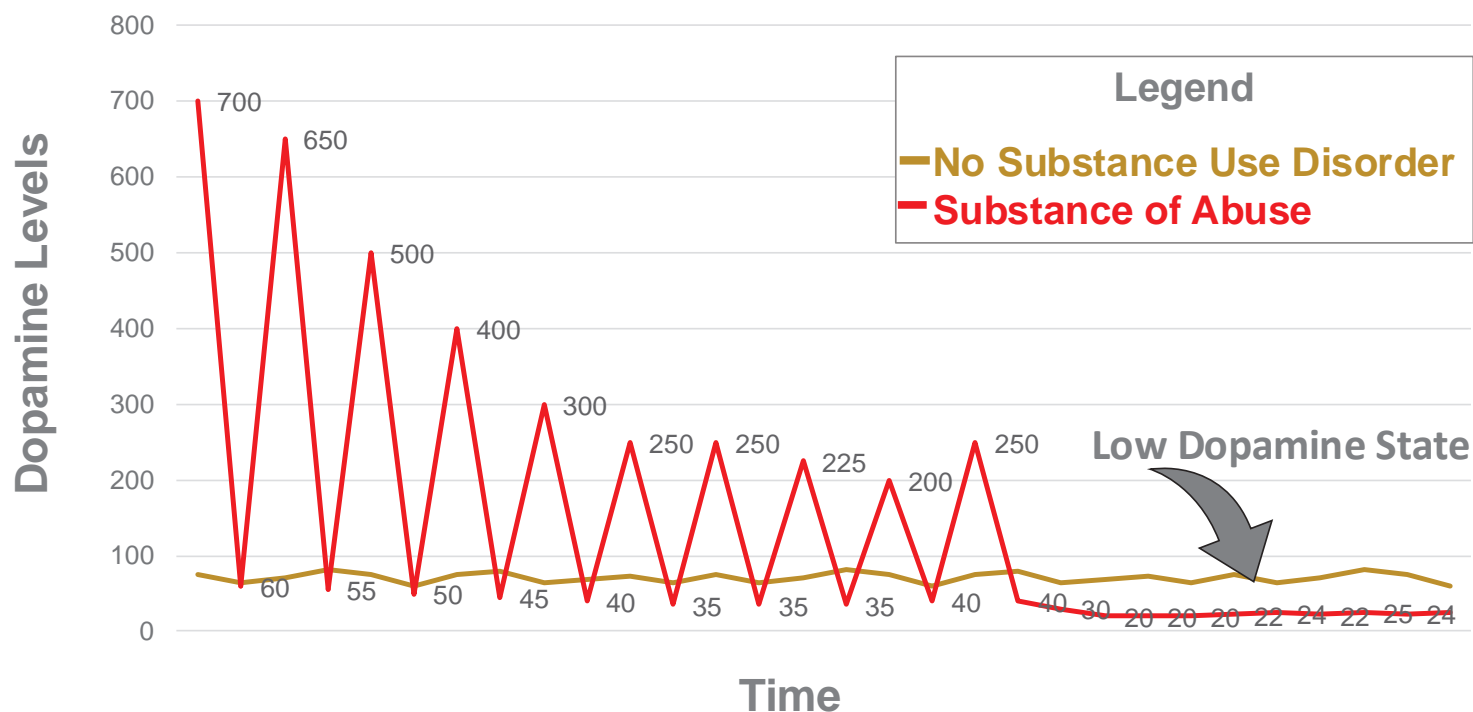
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Brain changes with episodes of substance use



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FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF HARM REDUCTION

Harm reduction incorporates a **spectrum of strategies** that includes safer use, managed use, abstinence, meeting people who use drugs “where they are,” and **addressing conditions of use along with the use itself**. Because harm reduction demands that interventions and policies designed to serve people who use drugs reflect specific individual and community needs, there is **no universal definition or formula** for implementing harm reduction.

- National Harm Reduction Coalition

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Treatment Modalities

- Motivational interviewing
 - **Style of treatment interaction to ↑ motivation to change**
- Counseling and psychotherapy
 - **Group based therapy**
 - **Psychotherapy provided with peer input / support as part of therapy**
 - **Cognitive behavioral therapy**
 - **Relapse Prevention**
 - **Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)**
 - **Community Reinforcement Approach (CRA) with Family Therapy (CRAFT)**
- Mutual Help Groups
 - **Grew out of Alcoholics Anonymous; free, available**
- Medications

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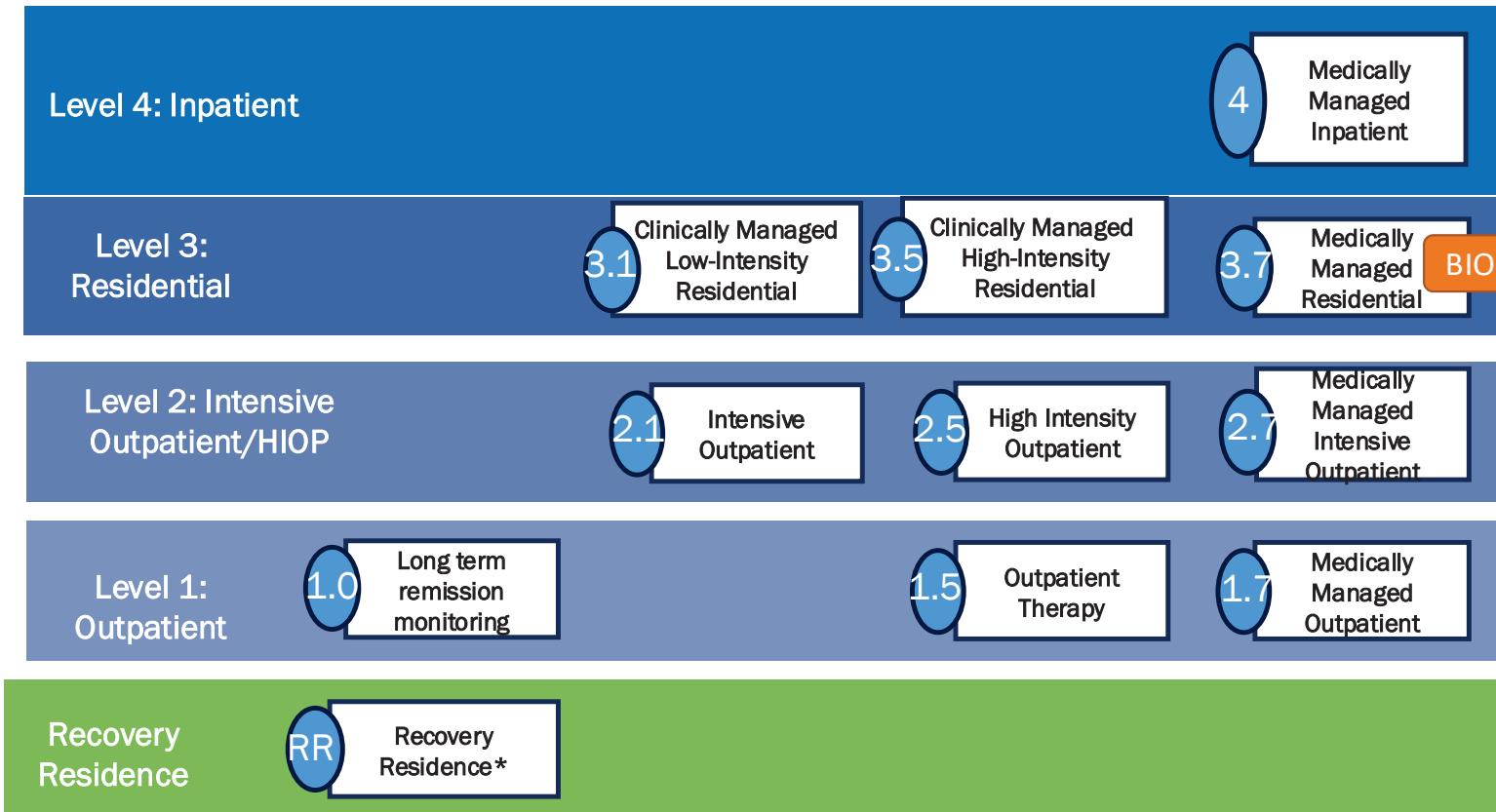
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The ASAM Criteria Continuum of Care – Adult



Co-occurring enhanced care (COE) Standards Defined for x.5, x.7, and Level 4

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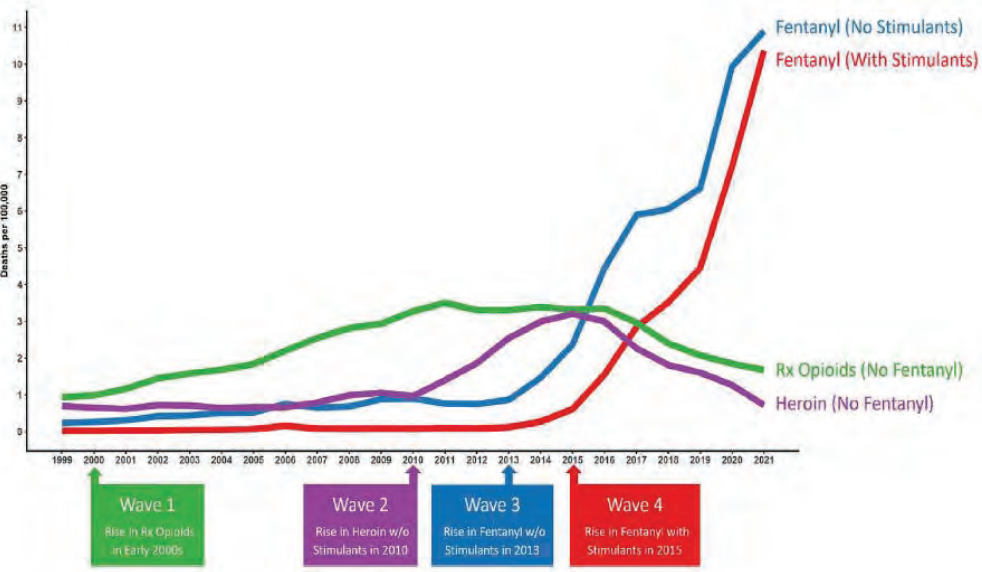
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US Overdose Death Rates by Opioid Type, 2000-2021



Addiction, First published: 13 September 2023, DOI: (10.1111/add.16318)



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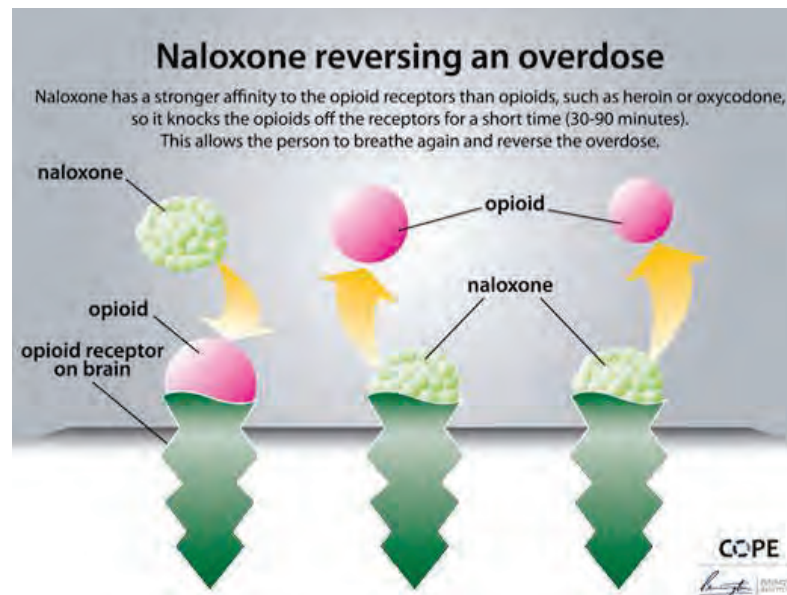
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Naloxone

- Naloxone is an opioid receptor antagonist (“blocker”)
 - Displaces opioids from the receptors, then binds to and blocks the receptor
- Short acting – 30-90 minutes
 - May need to give more or repeatedly
 - Especially with fentanyl, long-acting, and newer opioids



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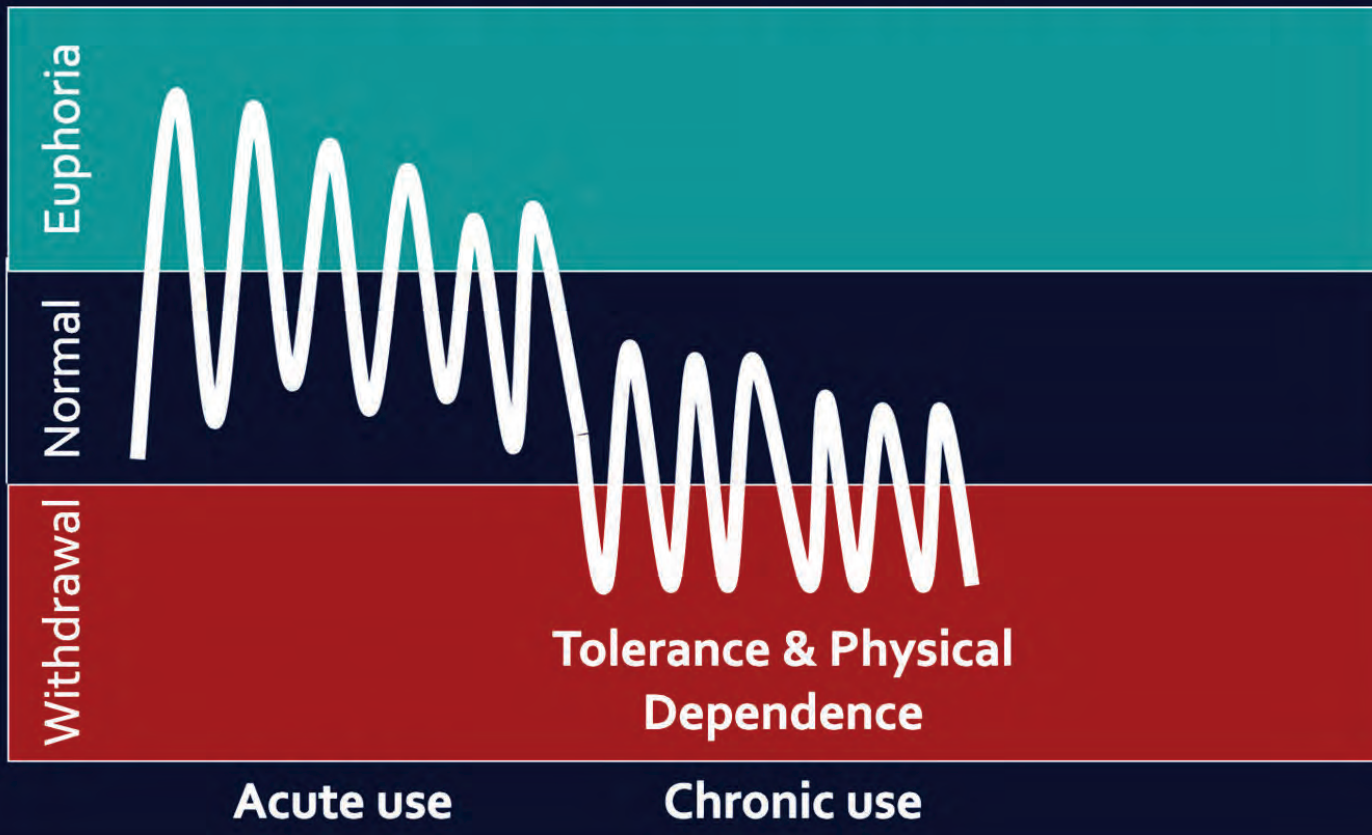
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Natural History of Opioid Use Disorder



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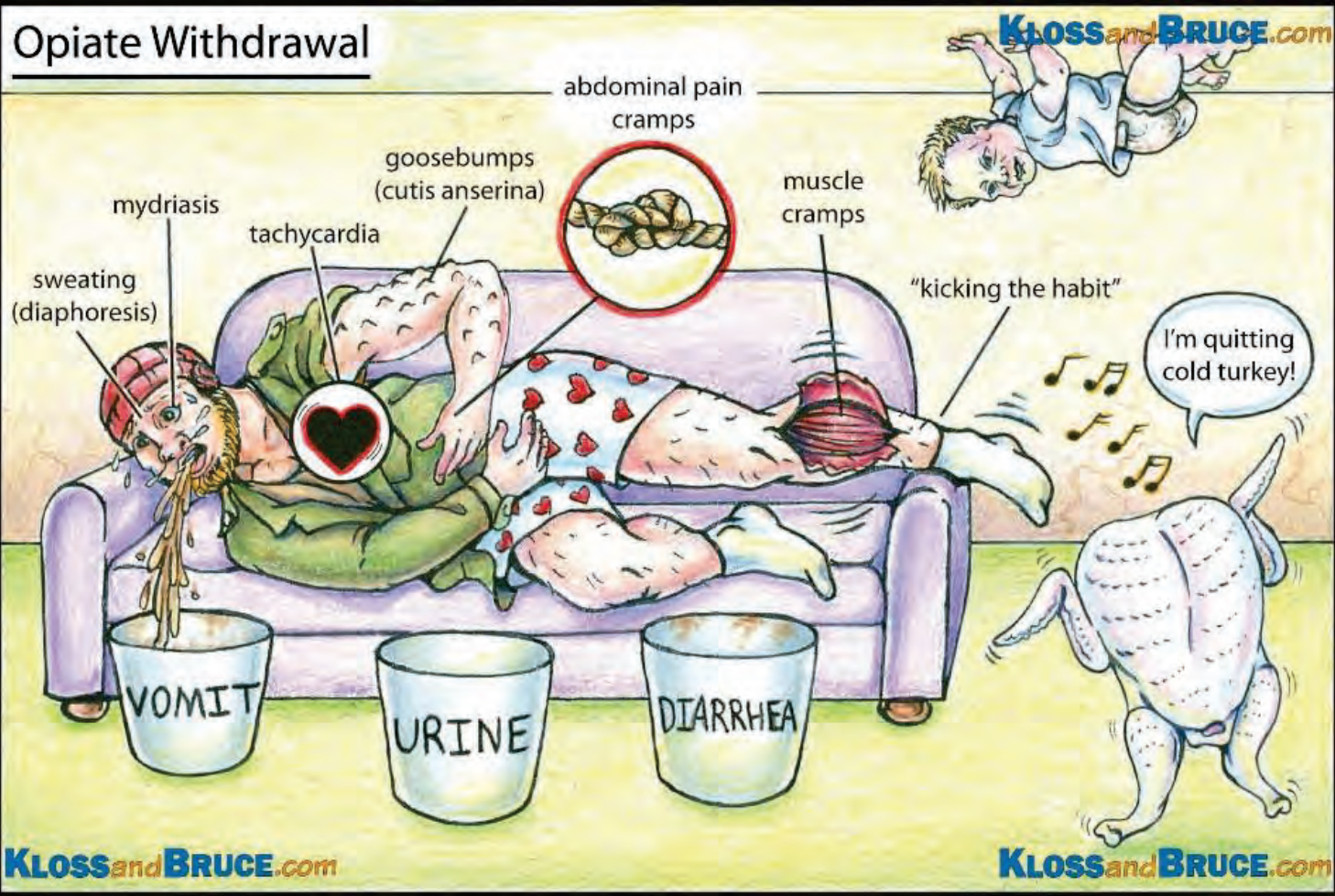
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Just say No

What are we asking of them?

To exert an athletic level of discipline and sustained determination

without much training or experience

in behavioral self-control

that is fully counter to their neurobiological drives

often supported only by fear incentives (loss of work, relationships, or health)

Fear incentives may be effective in the short term in times of crisis, but...

Positive incentives such as

purpose financial security meaningful work relationships

Avoid the natural fatigue of sustaining long-term recovery from substance use disorders

McKay JR: Making the hard work of recovery more attractive for those with substance use disorders. *Addiction* 2017; 112:751–757

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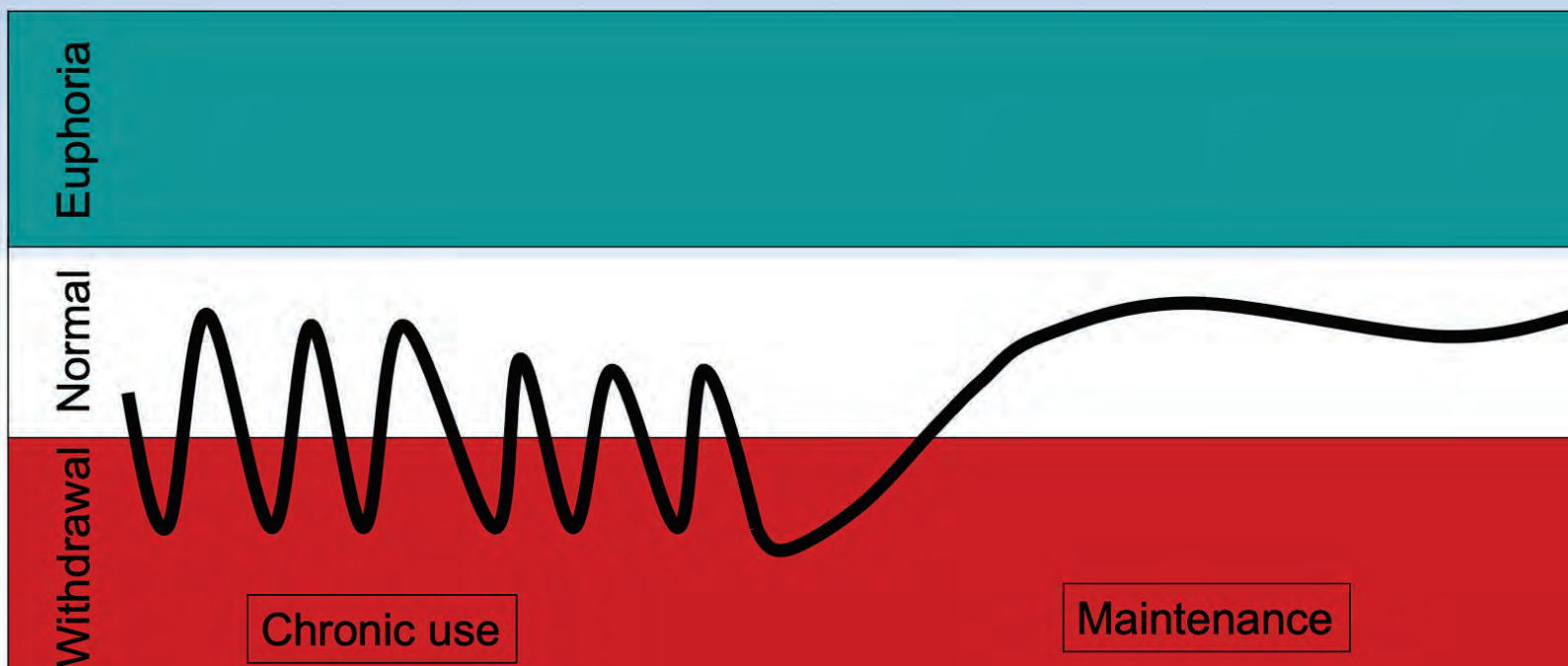
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Maintenance Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder



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Why Treat?

- Doing nothing
 - 10% risk of death each year after an overdose
- Treatment
 - 7x decrease in mortality
- Cost Savings

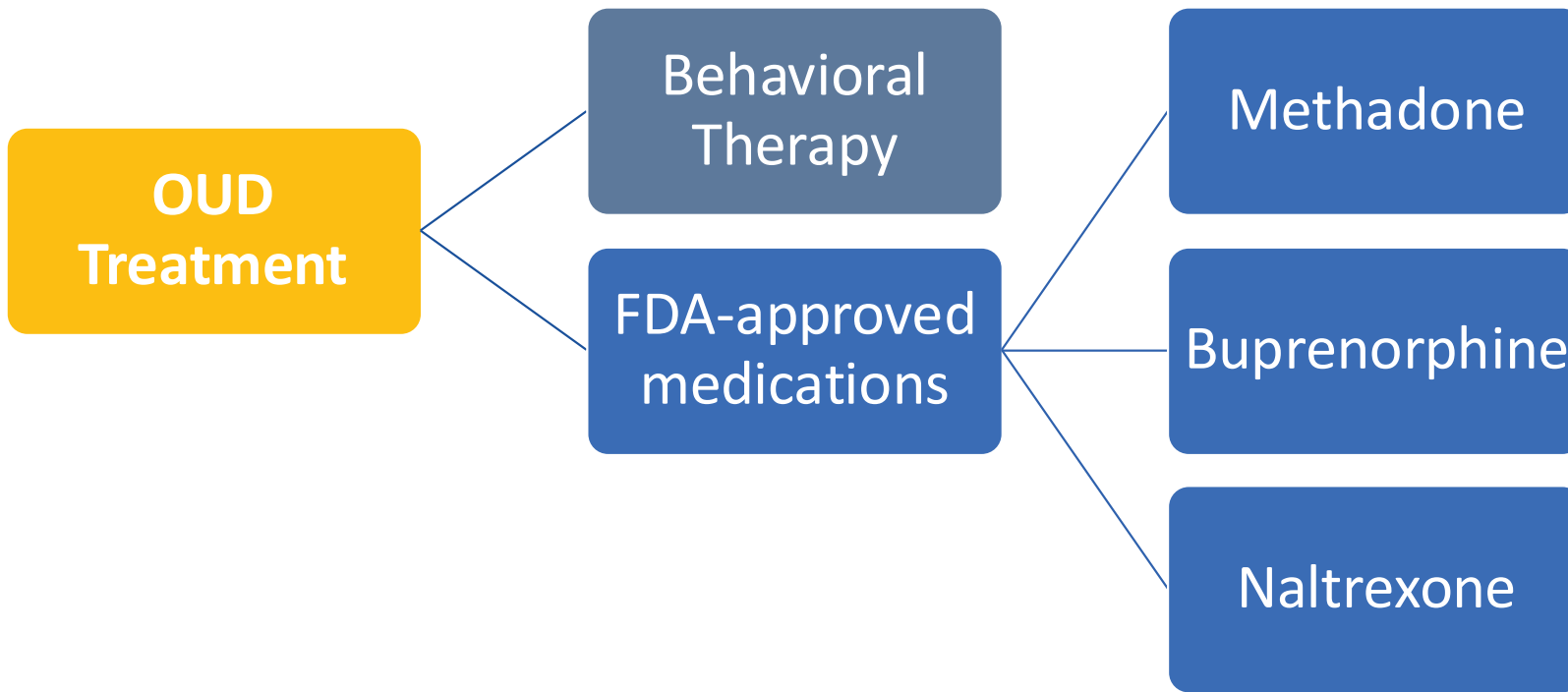
BENEFITS OF MOUD for OUD

- +Replaces dopamine
- +Helps the person feel normal
- +Improves functioning
- +Increased retention in treatment
- +Decreased cravings
- +Decreased opioid use
- +Decreased intravenous drug use (IVDU) and complications
- +Decreased overdose
- +Decreased mortality
- +Decreased criminal behavior

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Medications for OUD

SAMHSA = Substance Abuse and
Mental Health Services
Administration

Methadone

- **Legal for treatment of OUD in 1970/1974**
 - Given in an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) regulated by SAMHSA

Buprenorphine

- **Legal for Outpatient treatment of OUD in 2000/2002**
 - No longer need 8-hour course for 30 patients or fewer
 - 2016 – PA's and NP's can prescribe

Naltrexone

- **FDA Approved injectable form for OUD in 2010**
 - Can be delivered in any medical facility without extra training

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SUD/OUD Referrals to UCSD

- Currently utilizing MAT/MOUD via an established program or with outside provider
 - Primarily Methadone or Buprenorphine
- Current use of illicit substances with varying degree of interest in treatment
 - Most are interested in treatment
- History of punitive outcomes in previous pregnancy

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Barriers to SUD treatment in pregnancy

- Stigma and punitive laws endangering prenatal care
- Inconsistent and inappropriate involvement of CPS
- Provider discomfort in treating pregnant patients with SUD/OD
- Lack of communication between obstetric providers, other medical teams, including psychiatry, anesthesia, and pediatrics, and social services

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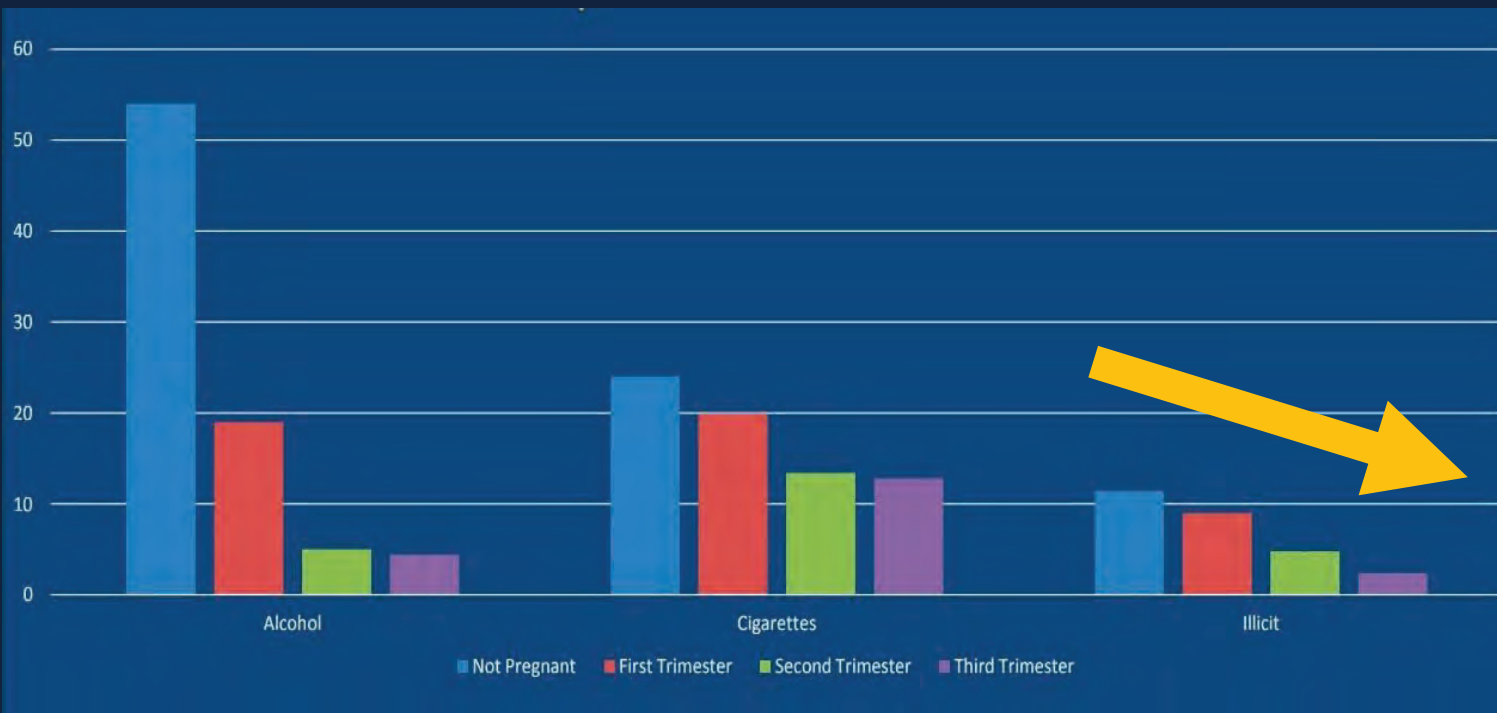
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Pregnancy can be a powerful opportunity to change behaviors and start treatment



National Survey Drug Use and Health 2013/2014 Past Month Use Data

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The goal at UCSD is to provide accessible, respectful, evidence-based SUD/ODU treatment for all pregnant individuals, from prenatal care through delivery and the postpartum period.

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Treatment options in Pregnancy

Agonist treatment is the **gold standard**

- Buprenorphine
 - Outpatient prescription, private, less severe NAS/NOW
- Methadone
 - Decades of experience and well-studied; improves prenatal care, reduce fetal mortality, and improve fetal growth
 - Cons: Side effects; intense clinic regimen in addition to prenatal care

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Substance Use Disorder as a disease

YET THE LANGUAGE USED IS OFTEN
JUDGMENTAL, ROOTED IN MORALITY,
AND FRAMED AS AN INDIVIDUAL'S
FAILURE.

Clean & Dirty

Drug Abuser

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- Negative & Positive test results

- Person who uses a substance

- Person with substance use disorder

- Recurrence of use

- Being On or Off therapy

- UCSD patient

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Building a Therapeutic Alliance

Principles of Perinatal Harm Reduction

DIGNITY + SUPPORT

Safety Seeking pregnancy care shouldn't be dangerous. Talking openly about substance use should be part of everyone's routine care.



Autonomy We should respect each other's ability to make informed healthcare decisions that reflect our priorities + preferences.



Shared Decision-Making Providers should work with patients to explore all their options - then they should support their goals.



Informed Consent If we're going to give informed consent we need to talk about what we're being asked to do and why. If we don't have the power to say no, it's not consent.



Do No Harm Parents and babies need each other. It's unethical to drug test without consent or to collect evidence that can be used to cause harm. ASK: Is the test medically necessary?



Academy of Perinatal Harm Reduction

perinatalharmreduction.org

- Minimize punitive outcomes with open and honest dialogue
- Respect patient autonomy and preferences
- Shared decision-making
- Informed consent
- Do no harm

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Building a Therapeutic Alliance

- Language matters
 - Including body language
- Open-ended questions
- Non-judgmental, non-confrontational
- Motivational interviewing
- Be aware of your own biases

MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEW METHODS		
ASK	PERMISSION	<i>Can we talk about...</i>
	OPEN QUESTION	<i>What do you think about...</i>
	CLOSED QUESTION	<i>Would you want to...</i>
TELL	EDUCATION	<i>We know that...</i>
	INFORMATION	<i>Some of the choices are...</i>
	RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>You might want to...</i>
LISTEN	APPRECIATE	<i>You know what you...</i>
	REFLECT	<i>You want to, but...</i>
	SUMMARIZE	<i>So your plan is...</i>

https://issuu.com/harmreduction/docs/pregnancy_and_substance_use-_a_harm_2fa242e7fb6684

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Screening for SUD/ODD in pregnancy

- ACOG Committee Opinion #711
 - Screening for substance use should be part of **all** comprehensive obstetric care and should be done at the first prenatal visit in partnership with the pregnant patient.
 - NOT based on “risk factors”
- Examples of screening tools:
 - 4P’s
 - NIDA
 - Quick Screen
 - CRAFFT (<26yo)

Box 1. SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment ←

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is an evidence-based practice used to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use and dependence on alcohol and other substances. The SBIRT model was impelled by an Institute of Medicine (now known as the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine) recommendation that called for community-based screening for health risk behaviors, including substance use.

Screening—A health care professional assesses a patient for risky substance use behaviors using standardized screening tools. Screening can occur in any health care setting.

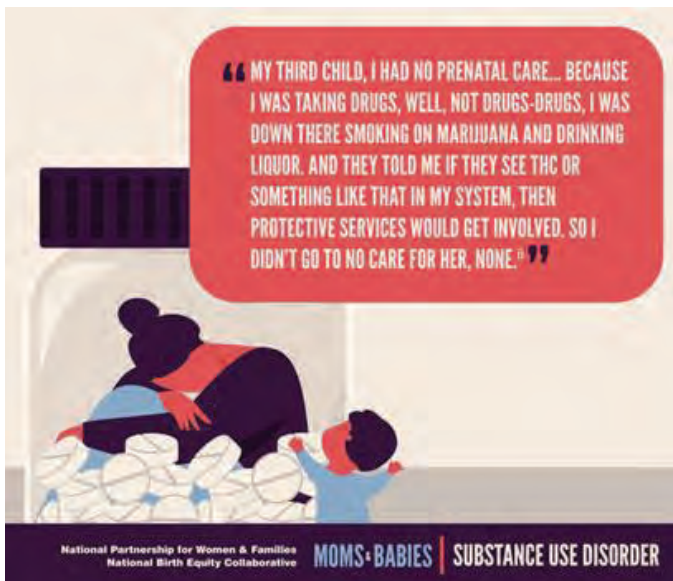
Brief Intervention—A health care professional engages a patient showing risky substance use behaviors in a short conversation, providing feedback and advice.

Referral to Treatment—A health care professional provides a referral to brief therapy or additional treatment to patients who screen in need of additional services.

Data from SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions. SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment. Available at: <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice/SBIRT>. Retrieved March 20, 2017.

Urine Toxicology vs. Evidence Based Screening Tools

- Known racial bias
- Deters from prenatal care
- False positives
- Lack of informed consent
- Criminal persecution
- ACOG recommended universal screening
- Assess for multiple criteria for SUD
- Minimizes stigmatization
- Promotes therapeutic relationships
- By trained clinical staff
- At first prenatal visit



Racial Inequities in Drug Tests Ordered by Clinicians for Pregnant People Who Disclose Prenatal Substance Use

Study Highlights:

- Black pregnant patients who disclosed drug use were more likely to be tested for drugs than their White counterparts in the adjusted regression analysis
- For those who did not disclose drug use, the adjusted model showed no statistically significant differences in urine drug testing by patients' race
- Current practice patterns and protocols such as urine drug testing in pregnancy care deserve review to identify and mitigate areas of potential clinician discrimination.

CONVERGE

Implementation of SUD Screening

- Lack of screening is a barrier to SUD treatment during pregnancy
- UCSD perinatal clinics and L&D triage areas do not use a validated SUD screening tool
- Our project: 1. Administer tool, 2. Document results to prompt referral, 3. EPIC data extraction to evaluate linkage to care, 4. Interview to assess patient experience with screening
- Outcomes of interest:



Table 3. Validity Indices for the 4P's Plus, NIDA Quick Screen, and SURP-P

	4 P's Plus	NIDA Quick Screen ASSIST	SURP-P
Sensitivity*	91.2 (85.7-95.1)	83.5 (76.8-89.0)	93.1 (88.0-96.5)
Specificity*	28.6 (23.7-33.9)	80.8 (76.0-85.0)	21.0 (16.7-25.9)
Positive predictive value*	39.0 (34.0-44.1)	68.4 (61.3-74.9)	37.0 (32.3-41.9)
Negative predictive value*	86.7 (78.6-92.5)	90.8 (86.8-93.9)	85.9 (76.2-92.7)
Sensitivity [†]	94.7 (88.5-97.4)	85.4 (76.4-89.5)	95.4 (90.7-98.4)
Specificity [†]	28.7 (23.8-33.6)	76.1 (71.4-80.6)	21.1 (17.3-26.1)
Positive predictive value [‡]	32.6 (28.9-38.8)	56.4 (50.1-64.4)	30.6 (27.3-36.5)
Negative predictive value [‡]	93.6 (85.7-96.7)	93.5 (88.8-95.2)	92.7 (84.8-97.3)
Sensitivity [§]	90.2 (84.5-93.8)	79.7 (71.2-84.2)	92.4 (87.6-95.8)
Specificity [§]	29.6 (24.4-35.2)	82.8 (78.1-87.1)	21.8 (17.4-27.2)
Positive predictive value [§]	44.1 (39.7-50.0)	74.0 (67.8-80.4)	42.0 (38.0-47.9)
Negative predictive value [§]	83.0 (73.4-88.9)	86.9 (81.3-89.7)	82.3 (72.1-90.0)

Data are % (95% CI).

* Reference standard: hair test results.

[†] Reference standard: urine test results.

[‡] Reference standard: hair and urine test results combined; positive on either urine or hair sample testing.

SFS questionnaire (23)

10. Did any of your parents have a problem with using alcohol or drugs?
20. Do any of your friends have a problem with drug or alcohol use?
30. Does your partner have a problem with drug or alcohol use?
40. Before you knew you were pregnant, how often did you drink beer, wine, wine coolers or liquor?
50. In the past month, how often did you drink beer, wine, wine coolers or liquor?

Coleman-Cowger, et al Green Journal, May 2019

Receipt of Medication Treatment for Opioid use Disorders Among Pregnant and Postpartum Medicaid Enrollees.

Share of Pregnant and Postpartum Medicaid Enrollees with at Least 1 Claim for MOUD

Overall

55%

By Race/Ethnicity (24 States)

White

57%

Black

31%

Hispanic

53%

By Age (39 States)

≤25 years old

48%

26-34 years old

57%

≥35 years old

56%

What if someone's not ready?

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Autonomy We should respect each other's ability to make informed healthcare decisions that reflect our priorities + preferences.



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- Change route of use
- Sanitized needles / needle exchanges
- Designated drivers or dedicated support person
- Provide contact for safe harbor

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Patients have agency when it comes to decision-making, and that agency is derived from a lifetime of experiences.

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The 4th trimester is the continuation of the recovery journey

- A significant amount of birthing individuals report some form of trauma from delivery; those with SUD are at higher risk for reporting birth trauma.
- Relapse often occurs in the postpartum period because care becomes disjointed, which jeopardizes breastfeeding, puts new parents at risk for incarceration, separation from newborn, or worse.
- Just like pregnancy can serve as the reason a person presented for care, empathetic and knowledgeable postpartum care can help ensure they maintain therapy beyond delivery.

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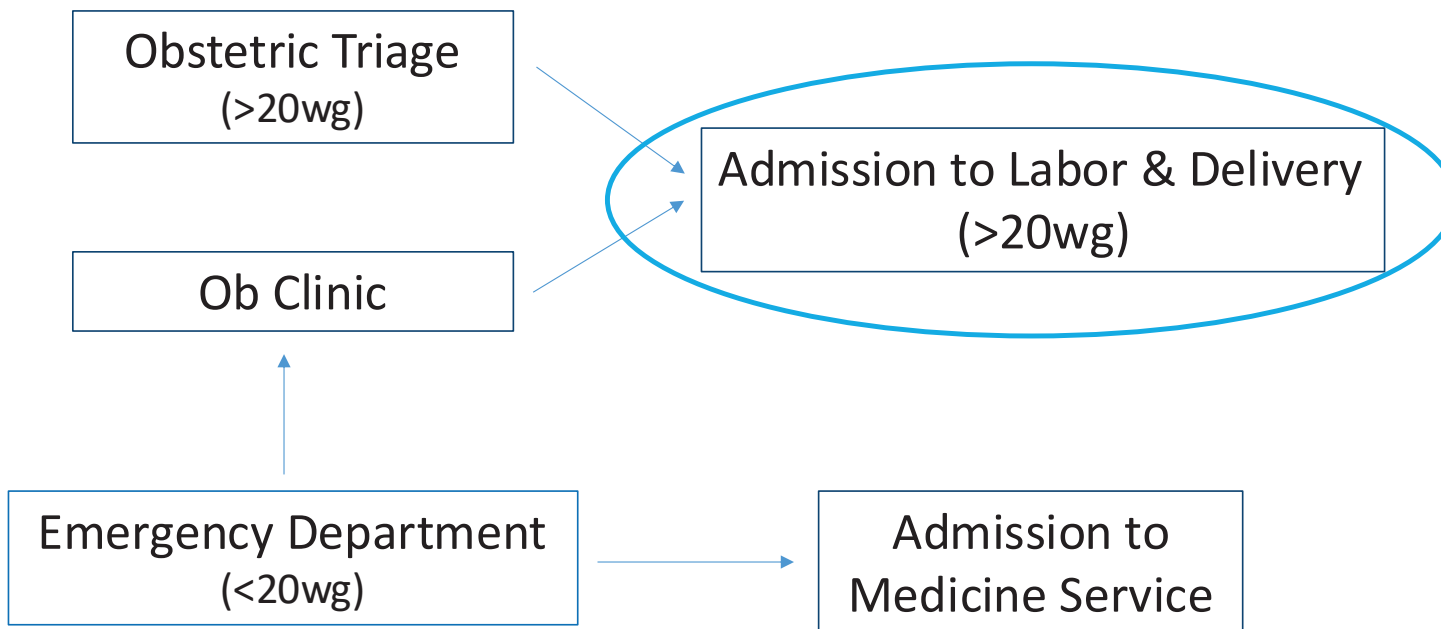
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Initiation of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)

- Obtain detail medical history including current symptoms, current and past use and treatment
 - Trauma-informed care focusing
 - OUD as a chronic and relapsing disorder
 - Strengths
 - Parenting goals
- Outline hospitalization course
 - Set expectations
 - Duration of hospital stay

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Treatment Options

- Use shared-decision making

Buprenorphine		Methadone	
Benefits	Risks	Benefits	Risks
More dispensing options	Can precipitate withdrawal	Can start immediately	Daily dispense by a treatment center
Less severe NOWS	Higher risk for diversion	Higher retention in treatment	More drug-drug interactions
Shorter neonatal hospitalization	Less long term data on infant/child effects	More long term data	

- Both improves prenatal care adherence
- Both decreases preterm birth and obstetric complications

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Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS)

- Standardize symptom assessment
- Patient-centered assessments
 - COWS + Patient as the expert of their body

Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS): For each item, circle the number that best describes the patient's signs or symptom. Rate on just the apparent relationship to opiate withdrawal. For example, if heart rate is increased because the patient was jogging just prior to assessment, the increase pulse rate would not add to the score.

Resting Pulse Rate: _____beats/minute <i>Measured after patient is sitting or lying for one minute</i> 0 pulse rate 80 or below 1 pulse rate 81-100 2 pulse rate 101-120 4 pulse rate greater than 120	GI Upset: <i>over last ½ hour</i> 0 no GI symptoms 1 stomach cramps 2 nausea or loose stool 3 vomiting or diarrhea 5 Multiple episodes of diarrhea or vomiting
Sweating: <i>over past ½ hour not accounted for by room temperature or patient activity.</i> 0 no report of chills or flushing 1 subjective report of chills or flushing 2 flushed or observable moistness on face 3 beads of sweat on brow or face 4 sweat streaming off face	Tremor observation of outstretched hands 0 No tremor 1 tremor can be felt, but not observed 2 slight tremor observable 4 gross tremor or muscle twitching
Restlessness Observation during assessment 0 able to sit still 1 reports difficulty sitting still, but is able to do so 3 frequent shifting or extraneous movements of legs/arms 5 Unable to sit still for more than a few seconds	Yawning Observation during assessment 0 no yawning 1 yawning once or twice during assessment 2 yawning three or more times during assessment 4 yawning several times/minute
Pupil size 0 pupils pinned or normal size for room light 1 pupils possibly larger than normal for room light 2 pupils moderately dilated 5 pupils so dilated that only the rim of the iris is visible	Anxiety or Irritability 0 none 1 patient reports increasing irritability or anxiousness 2 patient obviously irritable anxious 4 patient so irritable/anxious that assessment is difficult
Bone or Joint aches <i>If patient was having pain previously, only the additional component attributed to opiates withdrawal is scored</i> 0 not present 1 mild diffuse discomfort 2 patient reports severe diffuse aching of joints/ muscles 4 patient is rubbing joints/muscles and is unable to sit still due to pain	Gooseflesh skin 0 skin is smooth 3 piloerection of skin can be felt or hairs standing up on arms 5 prominent piloerection
Runny nose or tearing <i>Not accounted for by cold symptoms or allergies</i> 0 not present 1 nasal stuffiness or unusually moist eyes 2 nose running or tearing 4 nose constantly running or tears streaming down cheeks	Total Score _____ The total score is the sum of all 11 items Initials of person completing assessment: _____

Score: 5-12 = mild; 13-24 = moderate; 25-36 = moderately severe; more than 36 = severe withdrawal

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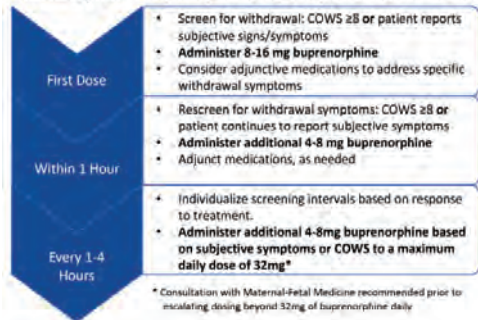
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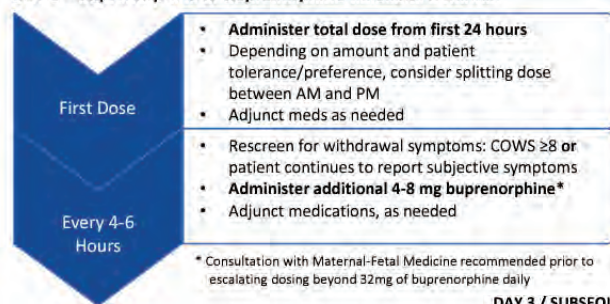
MOUD Induction Protocol

ADMISSION / DAY 1 – Buprenorphine or buprenorphine-naloxone initiation



- Standardize treatment and dosage across all providers

DAY 2 – Buprenorphine or buprenorphine-naloxone initiation



DAY 3 / SUBSEQUENT DAYS & DISCHARGE PLANNING

Total Daily Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer total dose from Day 2 May be given as one daily dose, or split into BID or TID doses Continue to assess for withdrawal symptoms and add 2-8mg buprenorphine as needed.
Discharge Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 30-day prescription for total daily buprenorphine AND a separate naloxone prescription should be sent to patient's local pharmacy or UCSD discharge pharmacy and confirmation should be obtained that prescription can be filled. Patient should be discharged with established appointment to clinic or provider that has experience with prescribing MOUD and resources for managing SUD/ODU. While an X-Waiver is no longer needed to prescribe MOUD, outpatient provider should be experienced in monitoring for signs and symptoms of cravings and withdrawal and be prepared to continue titrating buprenorphine for remainder of pregnancy.

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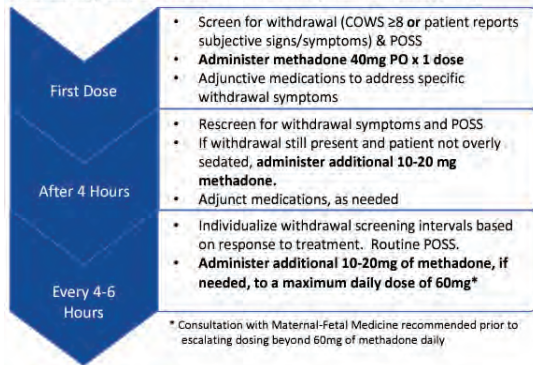
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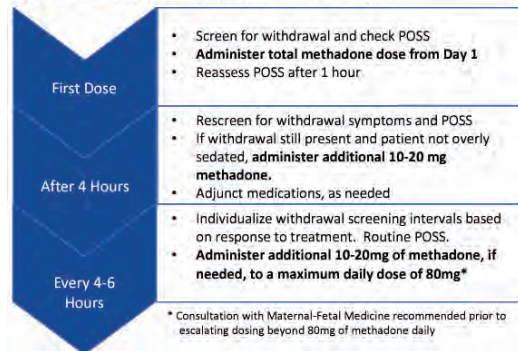
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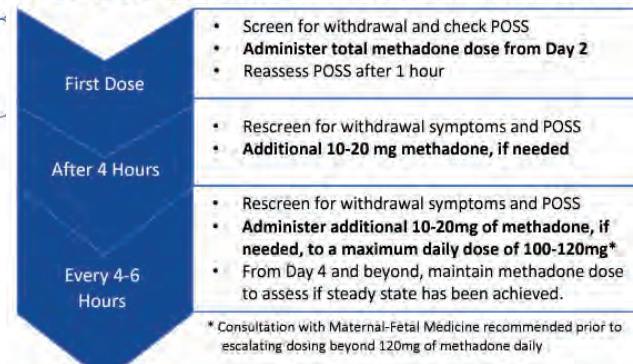
ADMISSION / DAY 1 – Methadone initiation (Maximum dose: 60mg)



DAY 2 – Methadone initiation (Maximum dose: 80mg)



DAY 3 AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS UNTIL DISCHARGE – Methadone initiation



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ADJUNCTIVE MEDICATIONS:

- **Clonidine 0.1 mg PO q4h** PRN bone pain, autonomic arousal (tachycardia, hyperventilation, flushing)
- **Acetaminophen 650 mg PO q4h** PRN mild to moderate pain, temp >38.5 C (101.3 F), NTE 4 g per 24 hours
- **Diphenhydramine 25 mg PO q4h** (Max 200 mg per 24 hours) or **Hydroxyzine 50 mg PO q6h** PRN anxiety and/or nasal congestion and/or insomnia
- **Diphenhydramine 50 mg PO q4h** PRN severe anxiety and/or nasal congestion and/or insomnia if 25 mg dose is ineffective after 1 hour
- **Guaifenesin (alcohol free) 10 mL PO q4h** PRN cough
- **Aluminum-Magnesium-Simethicone 30 mL PO q4h** PRN dyspepsia
- **Loperamide 4 mg PO** once at first sign of diarrhea
- **Loperamide 2 mg PRN** after each loose stool, NTE 16 mg per 24 hours
- **Ondansetron 4 mg PO q6h** PRN nausea/vomiting, or 4mg IV q6h if unable to tolerate PO intake.

- Patient-centered assessment and treatment



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Medical Care Catch-Up

- Obstetric
 - Obtain missing prenatal labs
 - Perform anatomy or growth ultrasound
 - Fetal monitoring
- Assess and (re)start psychiatric medication

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Intrapartum Care

- Continue the current methadone/ buprenorphine dosage
- Labor pain management: multimodal approach
 - Epidural, nitrous oxide, opioids, pudendal nerve block
 - Doula support, shower, birthing ball

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Postpartum Care

- Continue the current methadone/ buprenorphine dosage
- Optimize pain control and minimize opioid use
 - Non-opioid medications: acetaminophen, ibuprofen, gabapentin, lidocaine patch
 - Anesthetic nerve block after cesarean delivery
 - Acute-pain service: opioids
 - Non-pharmacologic: abdominal binder, heating pads
- Lactation support
- Contraception
- Social support

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Hospital Discharge

- Arrange close clinic follow-up appointment(s)
- Provide adequate medication (up to 30 day supply of buprenorphine or 3 days of methadone)



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Multidisciplinary Collaboration

- Obstetrics/ Perinatology
- Neonatology/ Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Anesthesiology
- Nursing
- Social work
- Case management
- Non-medical personnel



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Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome



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NOWS – Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome

- Definition: symptoms in a newly born infant related to the sudden withdrawal of opioids (Opium, heroin, fentanyl, methadone, buprenorphine, prescription pain medications including extended release and short-acting forms)
- Symptoms initially get worse as the substance leaves the body, but then improve
- Symptoms improve if the substance is replaced
- More specific term than Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), but often used interchangeably



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NOWS Symptoms

CNS

- High-pitched, continuous crying
- Decreased sleep
- Increased muscle tone/Stiff
- Tremors
- Hyperactive Moro reflex
- Seizures

GI Dysfunction

- Feeding difficulties
 - Discoordinated suck
- Hyperphagia or overactive suck
- Vomiting/reflux
- Loose or watery stools

Autonomic Nervous System

- Sweating
- Fever
- Fast breathing
- Nasal stuffiness and flaring
- Frequent yawning and sneezing

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NOWS – Contributing Factors

Opioid type: immediate-release, sustained-release, maintenance

Timing of last dose before delivery

Maternal metabolism

Transfer of drug across the placenta

Placental metabolism

Infant metabolism & excretion

Use of other substances (nicotine, THC, SSRIs, anxiolytics, methamphetamines)



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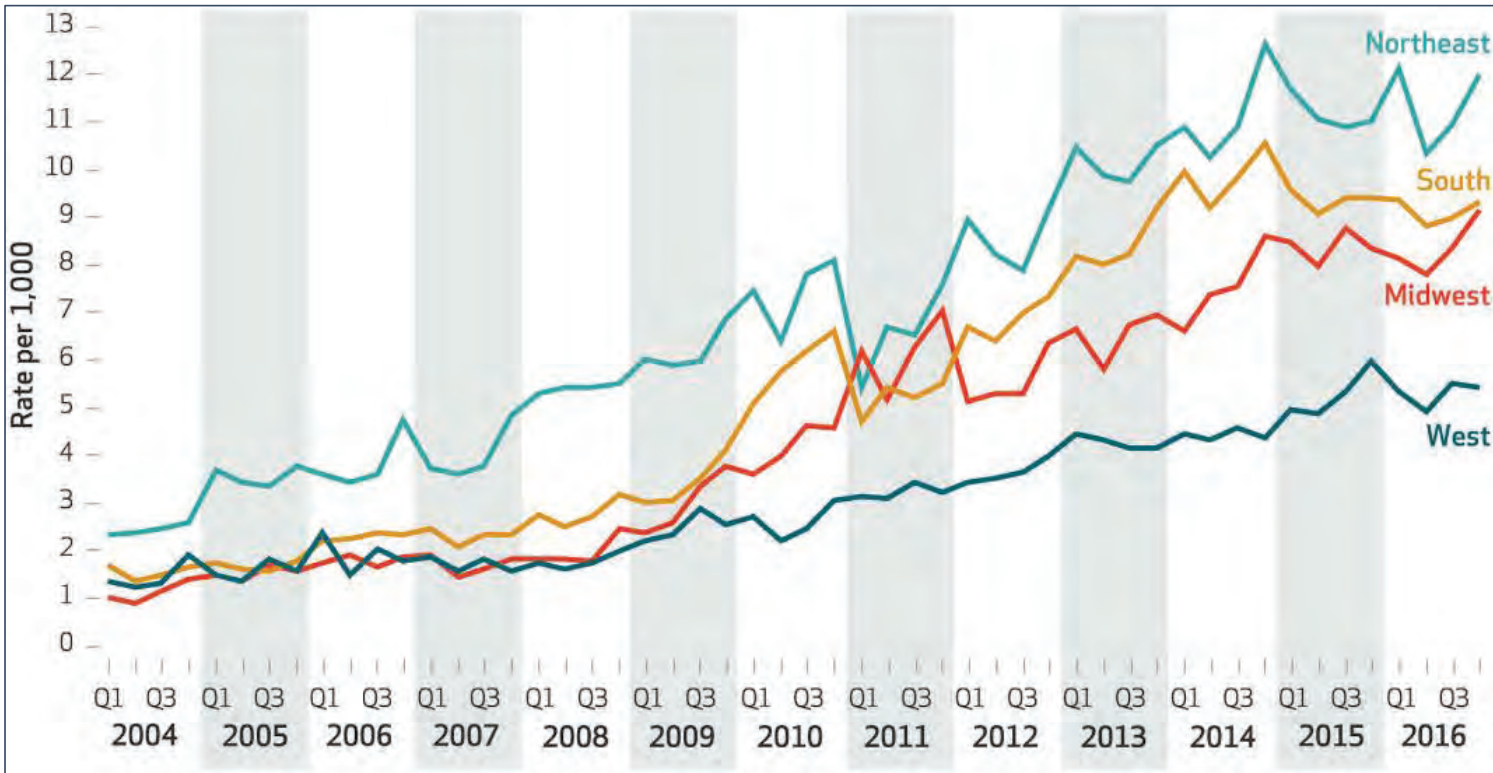
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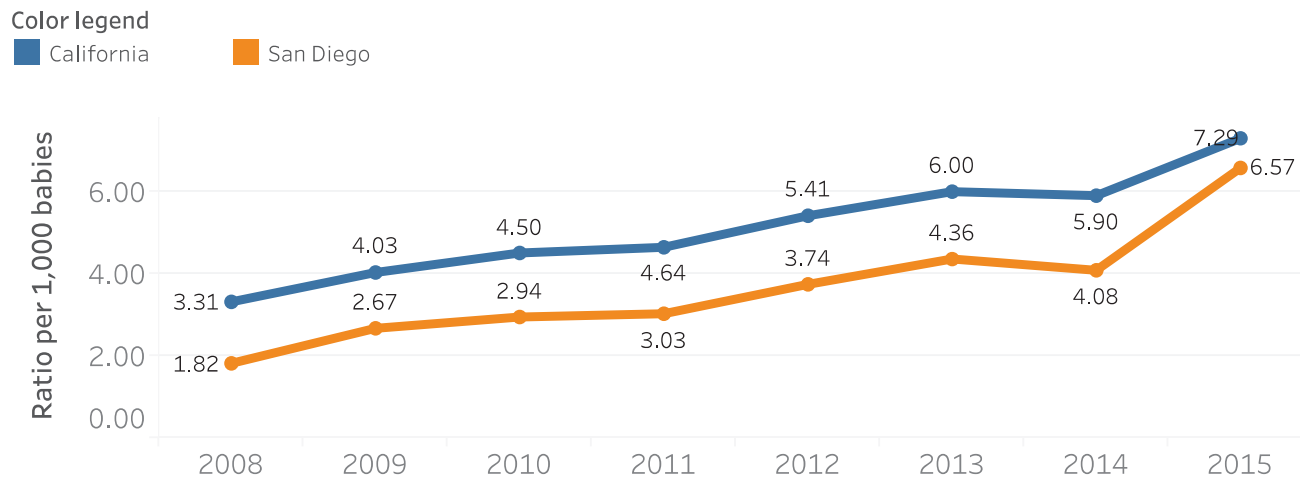
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Rates of NAS in California and SD County 2008 - 2015

Newborns affected by drugs

In 2015, 7.29* out of every 1,000 babies born to California parents was affected by drugs transmitted by placenta or breast milk. That ratio has increased since 2008.



*This rate does not include babies affected who were not born in a hospital. Also does not include babies for whom parents reported a ZIP code that couldn't be matched with a California county.

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What Can We Do?



Check internal biases

Attitude adjustments

Gold Standard: Optimize Nonpharmacologic Treatments

- Skin-to-Skin
- Breastfeeding
- Soothing Techniques
 - Swaddle
 - Sway or Swing
 - Side or Stomach position
 - Shush
 - Sucking – pacifiers are okay for these patients
- Full stomach – supplement as needed, may need a bottle, OT consult
- Decrease sensory overload: low lights, TV off, quiet voices, cluster care
- Calm parents – good pain control for mom, emotional support
- Prevent diaper rash – early use of barrier cream



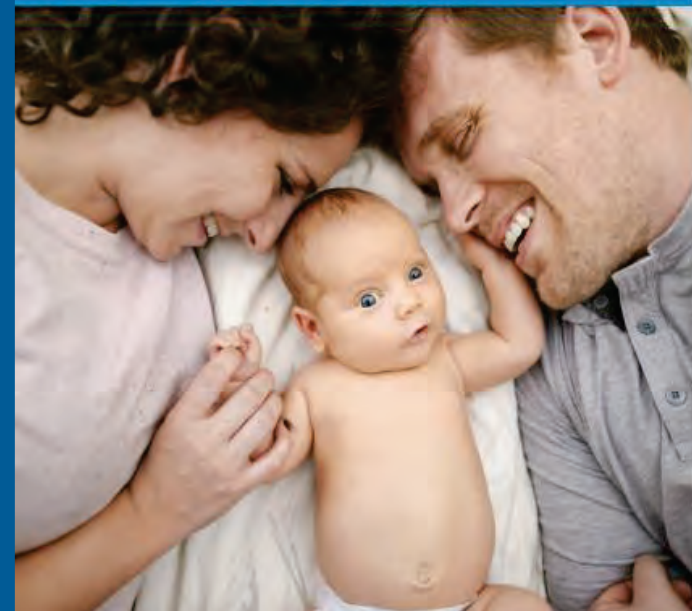
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Parent Educational Booklet

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Soothe and Grow

For newborns at risk for neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome at UC San Diego Health



What are the symptoms of NOWS?

- Fussiness and crying
- Shaking and jittery movements
- Stiff muscles
- Trouble sleeping
- Feeding problems
- Yawning or sneezing
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Fast breathing or heart rate
- Seizures (these are rare)



How will I know if my baby is having newborn fussiness?

All newborn babies can be fussy, but if a baby is not able to eat, sleep or settle down, baby likely is withdrawing. Nurses and doctors are in the hospital 24 hours a day to observe your baby and help decide.

Will my baby need medication for withdrawal?

At UC San Diego Health, approximately 50% of babies at risk for NOWS will need treatment with medication. But when parent and baby stay together, baby is calmer, more likely to get breast milk, and has a smaller chance of needing medication.

GOALS OF NOWS INFANT TREATMENT

To prevent seizures

To allow baby to eat and grow

To allow baby to develop at a normal pace

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How Can I Help My Baby?

CALMING MEASURES FOR BABY

Hold baby skin to skin (tummy to tummy) when you are awake – keep baby's head uncovered so you can observe baby's color and feel the breathing. When you are sleepy or asleep baby needs to be in the bassinet.

Feed baby at the breast frequently (there does not need to be any schedule). Supplement as needed to keep baby satisfied.

Swaddle baby

Offer a pacifier after feeding

Soft lights, white noise, and music are calming

Some babies like bathing or a massage or soft touch

When you are sleepy or asleep, baby must be in the bassinet/crib

How do you monitor babies for NOWS?

The nurse will check your baby every three to six hours. We will use standard tools such as ESC and Finnegan to monitor for withdrawal.

Eat, Sleep, Console (ESC) Tool

- Is the baby not able to eat due to NAS?
- Is baby not able to sleep at least one hour due to NAS?
- Is baby unable to be calmed within ten minutes?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, your baby may need more help or transfer to NICU.

Finnegan Tool

The Finnegan tool assesses more items including vital signs, stools, etc.

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Prenatal Consult to Prepare for the Stay

- Length of stay
 - Immediate-release 3 day stay
 - Sustained-releases & buprenorphine 4-7 days
 - Methadone 5-7 days
- What to bring
 - Soothing items: swaddles, pacifiers, white noise, vibration
 - Comfort items for parents: snacks, music, books, clothes
 - MAT for after discharge
- Discuss delivery & feeding plan
- Arrange transportation, support, childcare
- Prepare for maternal pain – drug tolerance
- Awareness of toxicology screens and SW consult



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Is Breastfeeding Safe in this Population?

- Studies have shown that infants with NOWS who breastfeed have:
 - Fewer and less severe symptoms
 - Delayed onset of withdrawal
 - Decreased need for medication
 - Shorter hospital stay
- Supported by ABM, ACOG, AAP for parents in recovery



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NOWS & Breastfeeding Guidelines

- Tiny amount of medication in mother's milk
- Breastmilk has so many other benefits
 - Health of baby
 - Health of mom
 - Bonding
- Breastfeeding is part of our treatment for baby
 - Requires parents to be present and engaged
 - Skin to skin contact
 - Being held



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Breastfeeding Cautions

- Mom actively using or relapse in last 30 days – not recommended to breastfeed
- Recovery less than 90 days – have caution
- High doses of opioids that can accumulate in the infant (tramadol and oxycodone) – advice varies, FDA does not recommend
- Use of other substances such as heavy alcohol intake – not recommended



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Developmental Outcomes

- Not fully known
- Studies difficult to do
- Confounding variables
- Overall development similar to matched controls but concern for effects on behavior and development
- HEALthy Brain and Child Development (HBCD) Study
- Likely could benefit from support
 - **Breastfeeding**
 - **Parenting support**
 - **Developmental activities**
 - **Early Start – California Early Intervention Services**



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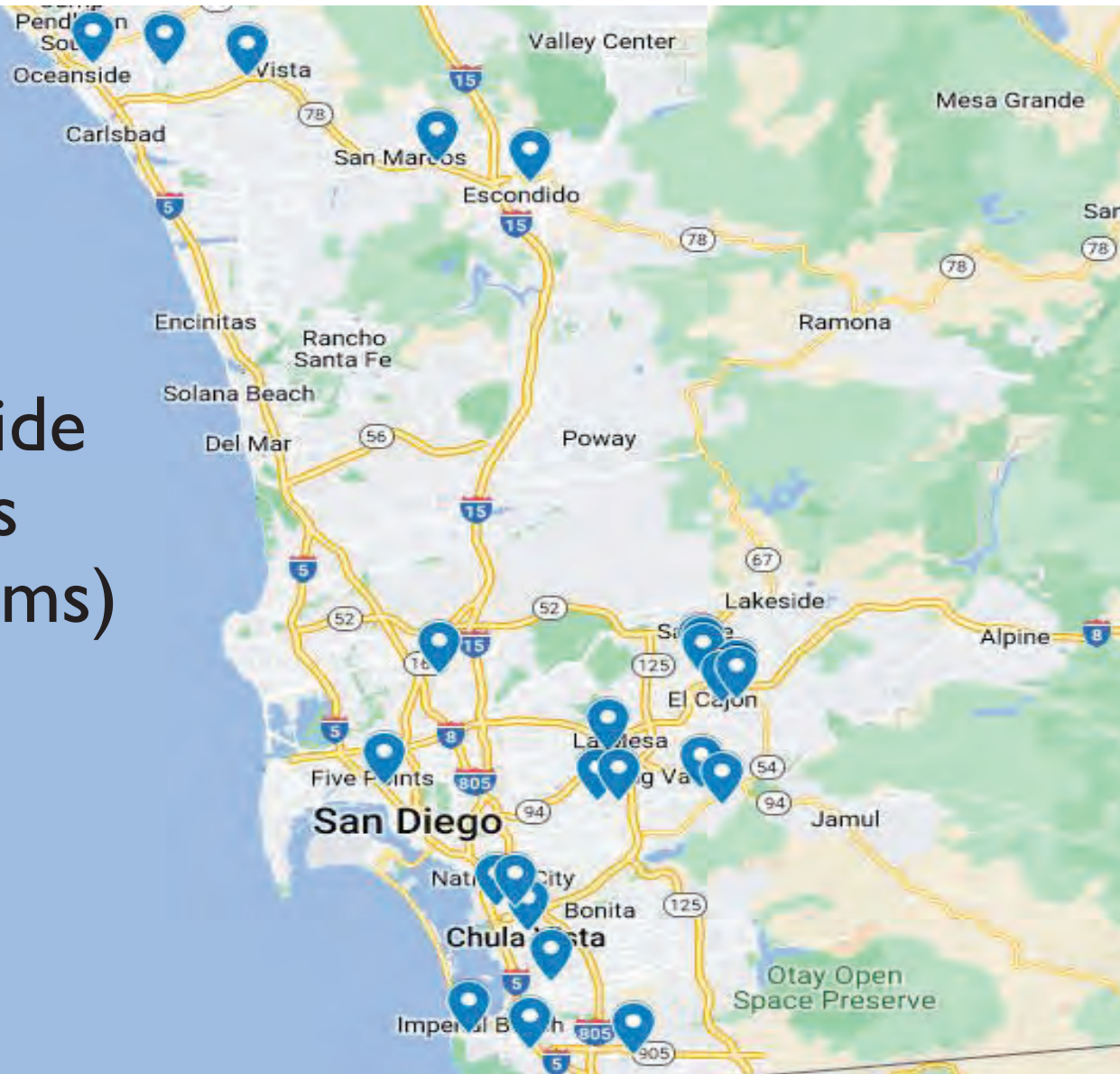
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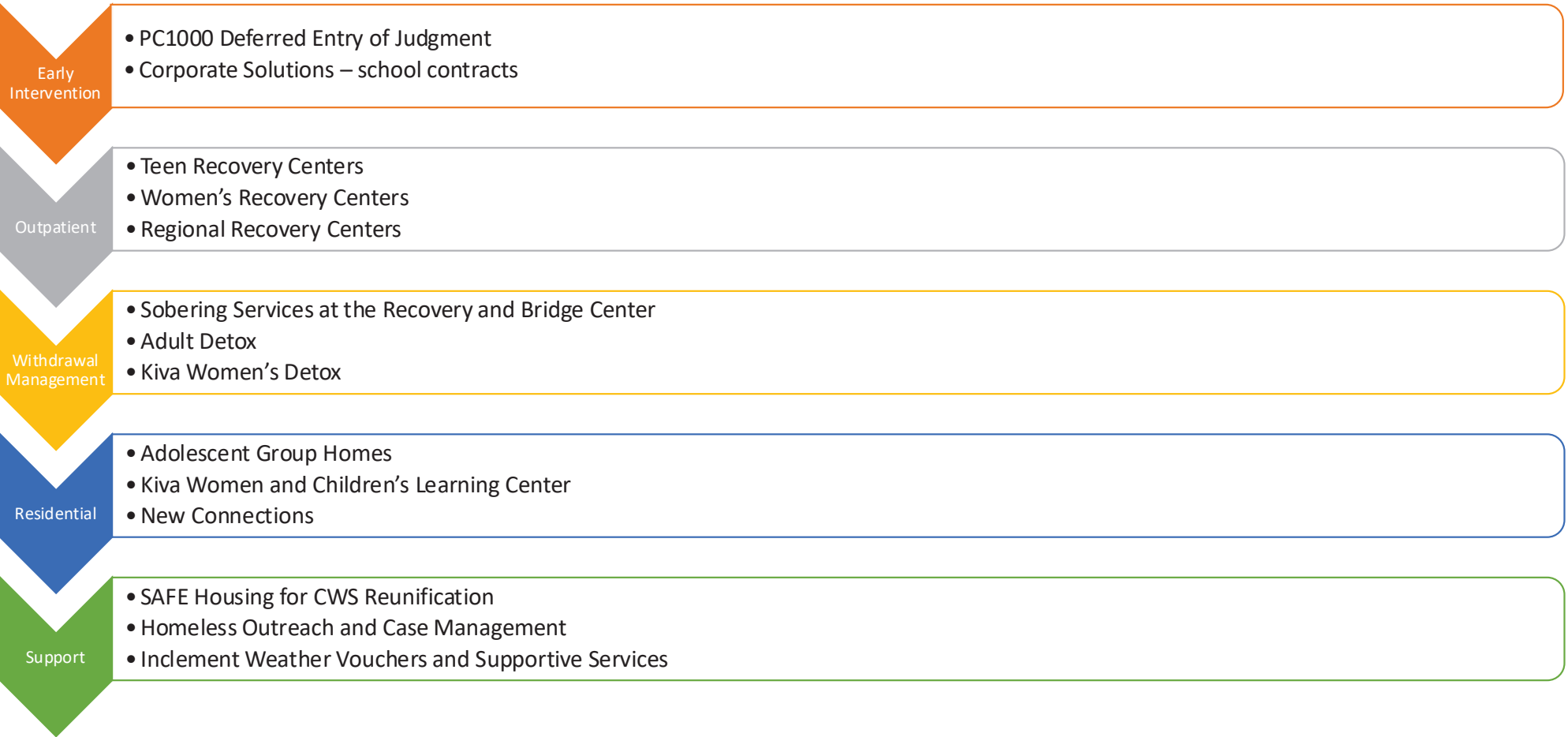
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Continuum of care



Eligibility & ACCESS

- **Medical Necessity**
DSM SUD Diagnosis
ASAM Level of Care
- **Target Population**
Medi-Cal
200% FPL
San Diego Resident
- **AOA SUD Program Directory**
(LINK)
- **Access and Crisis Line**
(888) 724-7240
- **Jeanne McAlister, Founder & CEO**
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ASAM dimensions define level of care

AT A GLANCE: THE SIX DIMENSIONS OF MULTIDIMENSIONAL ASSESSMENT

ASAM's criteria uses six dimensions to create a holistic, biopsychosocial assessment of an individual to be used for service planning and treatment across all services and levels of care. The six dimensions are:

1	DIMENSION 1	Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential Exploring an individual's past and current experiences of substance use and withdrawal
2	DIMENSION 2	Biomedical Conditions and Complications Exploring an individual's health history and current physical condition
3	DIMENSION 3	Emotional, Behavioral, or Cognitive Conditions and Complications Exploring an individual's thoughts, emotions, and mental health issues
4	DIMENSION 4	Readiness to Change Exploring an individual's readiness and interest in changing
5	DIMENSION 5	Relapse, Continued Use, or Continued Problem Potential Exploring an individual's unique relationship with relapse or continued use or problems
6	DIMENSION 6	Recovery/Living Environment Exploring an individual's recovery or living situation, and the surrounding people, places, and things

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Residential programs: Lemon Grove



- 24 beds Adult Detox (men and women)
- 9 beds Kiva Detox (women)
- 60 beds Kiva (women and children)
- 20 beds New Connections (men)

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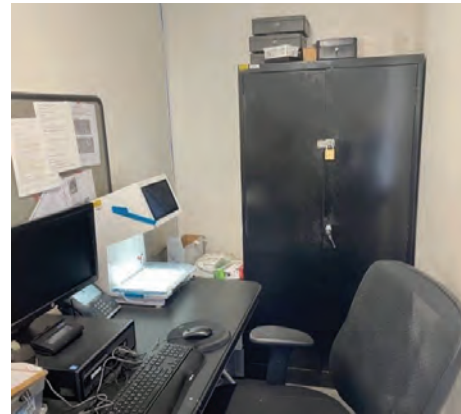
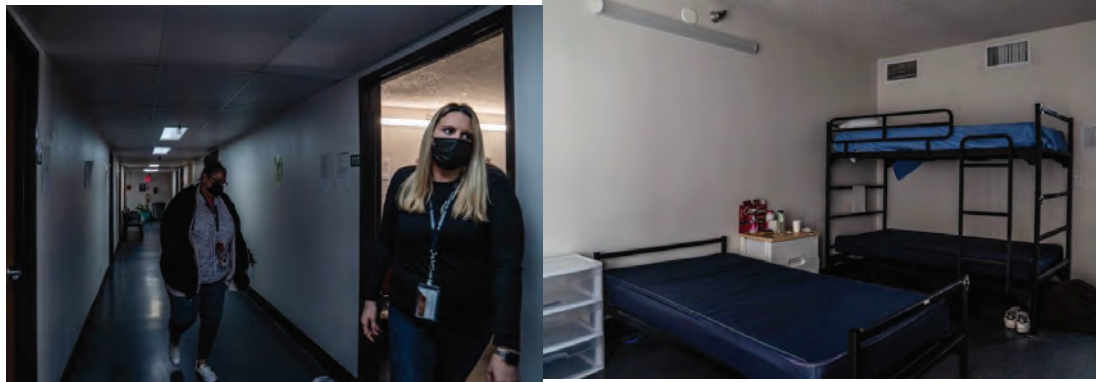
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Kiva Detox

- Priorities
 - pregnant
 - homeless
 - injection drug using
- 10 day
- Medical clearance and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) per ED Bridge physicians



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Kiva residential



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Kiva residential

- 60 beds
 - 14 children
- 90 days
- Social model
 - CBT, other evidence-based counseling
- MAT prescribers
 - FQHCs
 - methadone clinics
 - On-site by end-of-year
- Prenatal care typically based upon
 - Assigned Managed Care Provider



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Regional Recovery Centers

- 4 locations
 - ECRRC (El Cajon)
 - SBRRRC (Chula Vista)
 - NCRRC (Oceanside, Vista)
 - NIRRC (Escondido)
- Intensity of services based upon ASAM evaluation
- MAT Services on-site soon



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Women's Recovery Centers

- 4 locations
 - SBWRC (National City)
 - NCWRC (Kearny Mesa)
 - NCoWRC (Oceanside)
 - NIWRC (San Marcos)
- MAT Services on-site or via telehealth NP/PA provider
 - Buprenorphine products
 - Naltrexone, Vivitrol
- Childcare
 - Safe place for children
 - Parenting skills training
 - Links to children services



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Services for individuals experiencing homelessness

40% of individuals in our treatment programs report homelessness at admission

Recovery and Bridge Center
(safe sobering)

Work for Hope
(job training)

Recovery Residences
(sober living)

SAFE Housing
(women and children)

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Other Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Service (DMC-ODS) Providers

Acadia/ Comprehensive Treatment Centers	Alpha Project	Amity Foundation	Apex Recovery	CRASH, Inc.	Crossroads Foundation	Deaf Community Services
El Dorado	Episcopal Community Services	Family Health Centers of San Diego	Fellowship Center	House of Metamorphosis, Inc.	Interfaith Community Services	Lifeline Community Services
MAAC Project	McAlister Institute	Neighborhood Housing Association	New Entra Casa Co.	Mission Treatment Center	North County Serenity House / HR360	Optum / Access and Crisis Line
Pathfinders of San Diego	San Diego Freedom Ranch	SOAP MAT	Stepping Stone of San Diego	The Way Back	Tradition One	Turning Point Home of San Diego
	Twelfth Step House/Heartland House	TURN BHS (formerly MHS)	UPAC	Veteran's Village of San Diego	Vista Hill	

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UC San Diego Health

Healthy Brain and Child Development (HBCD) Study

HBCD: The largest longitudinal study of early brain and child development in the United States



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Study Overview

The HBCD Study will enroll approximately 7,200 participating families across the United States and follow them from pregnancy through early childhood.



The HBCD study aims to assess how children grow and develop early in life. The research will look at many factors that might influence a child's development. These include exposure to tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs before birth, family members' mental health and stress, the family's social and economic environment, the child's exposure to toxins, and how the parent or caregiver interacts with their child. The overall goal of this study is to better understand how children grow up in various environments.



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HBCD Study Design

TWO CENTRAL QUESTIONS

What are the developmental effects of prenatal opioid and other substance use exposures on children from birth through middle childhood?

What are the “typical” or “normative” developmental trajectories for children from birth through middle childhood?

Q1: EXPOSURES



Q2: DEVELOPMENT



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Opioid Use

Self-reported use of prescribed or illicit opioids for 2 or more weeks during pregnancy,

Diagnosis of Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome

Positive toxicology for an opioid for research-collected biospecimen.

Alcohol Use

Self-reported use equal to 7 or more standard drinks per week for 2 or more weeks during pregnancy,

Self-reported use equal to 3 or more standard drinks per occasion on 2 or more occasions during pregnancy

Diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Positive toxicology for alcohol for research-collected biospecimen.

Cannabis Use

Self-reported weekly use of cannabis for 4 or more weeks during pregnancy

Positive toxicology for cannabis for research-collected biospecimen.

Tobacco / Nicotine Use

Self-reported weekly use of tobacco or nicotine products for 4 weeks or more during pregnancy

Positive toxicology for nicotine for research-collected biospecimen.

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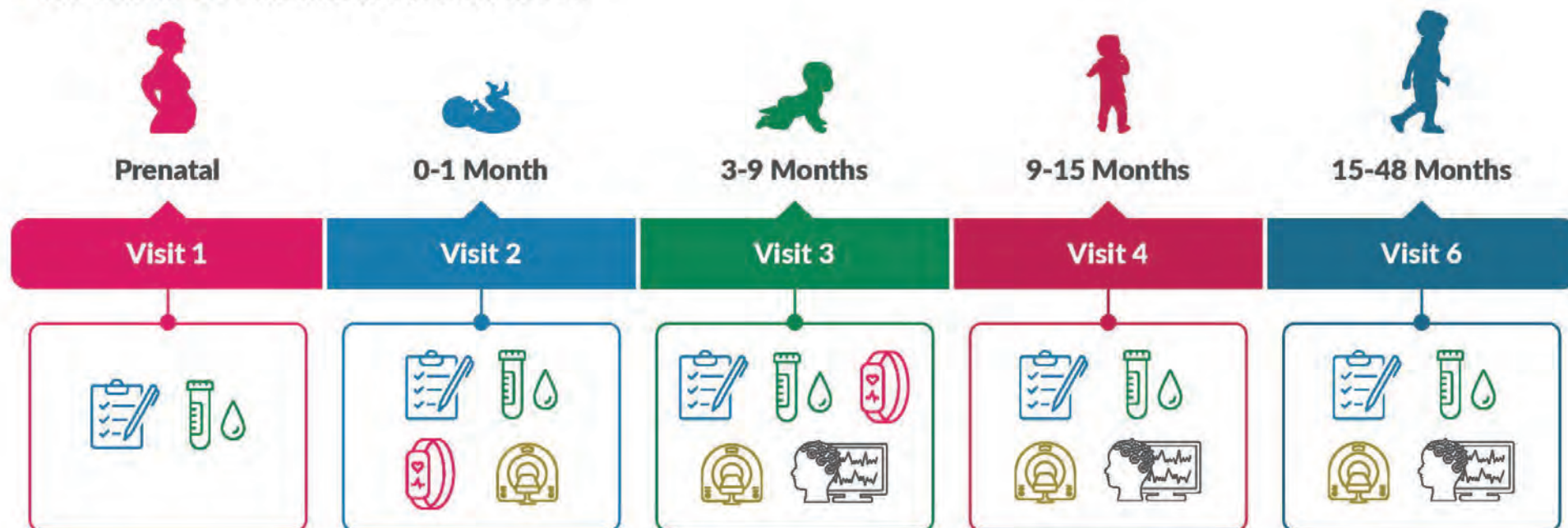
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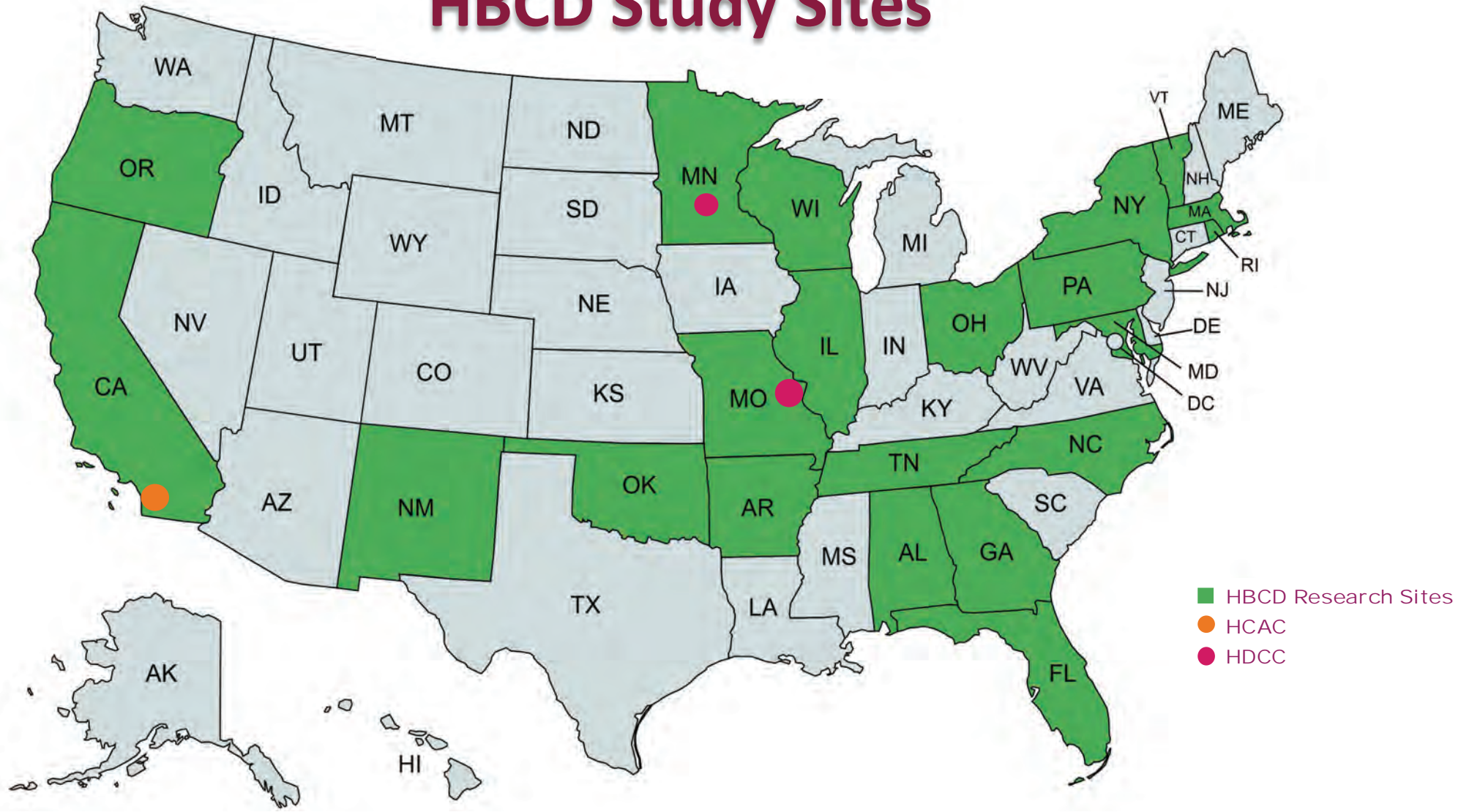
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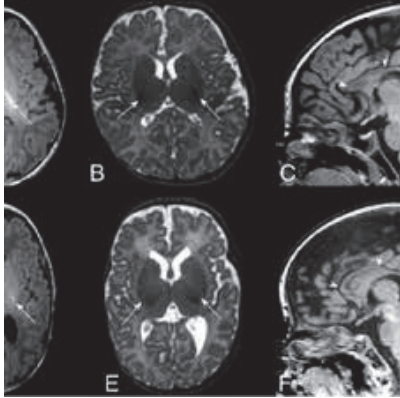
- You will be asked to participate once during pregnancy and then across several visits during the first 10 years of your child's life
- The schedule for the first five years includes:



Remote assessments will take place at visits **5** (10-17 months), **7** (16-50 months), and **8** (36-60 months).

HBCD Study Sites





MRI

Structural MRI T1/T2
Diffusion MRI
MR Spectroscopy

EEG

Baseline
Auditory Oddball
Visual Evoked Potentials
Response to Faces



Behavioral, Observational, and Cognitive Assessments

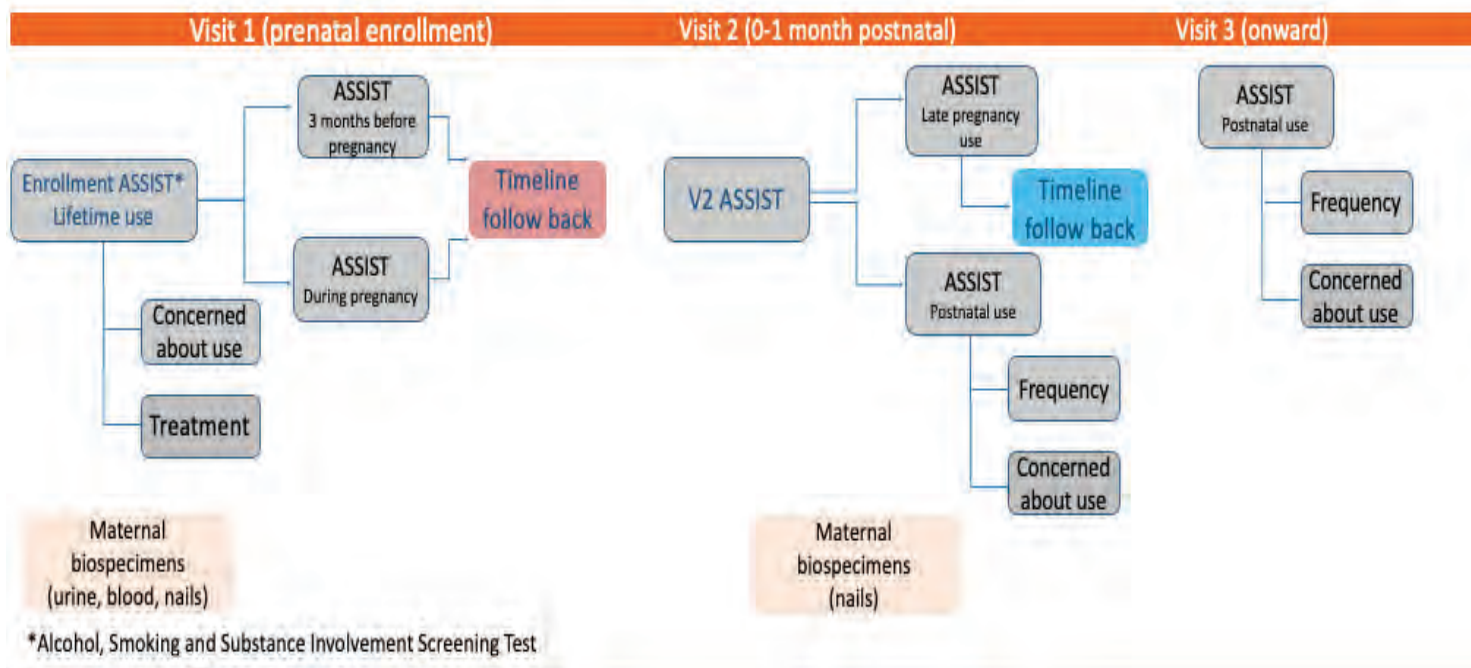
Wearable Biosensors
Biospecimens

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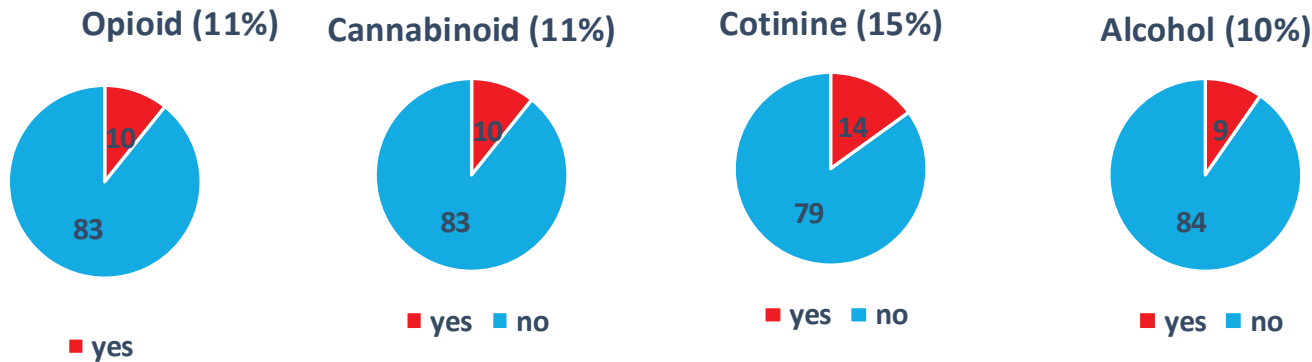
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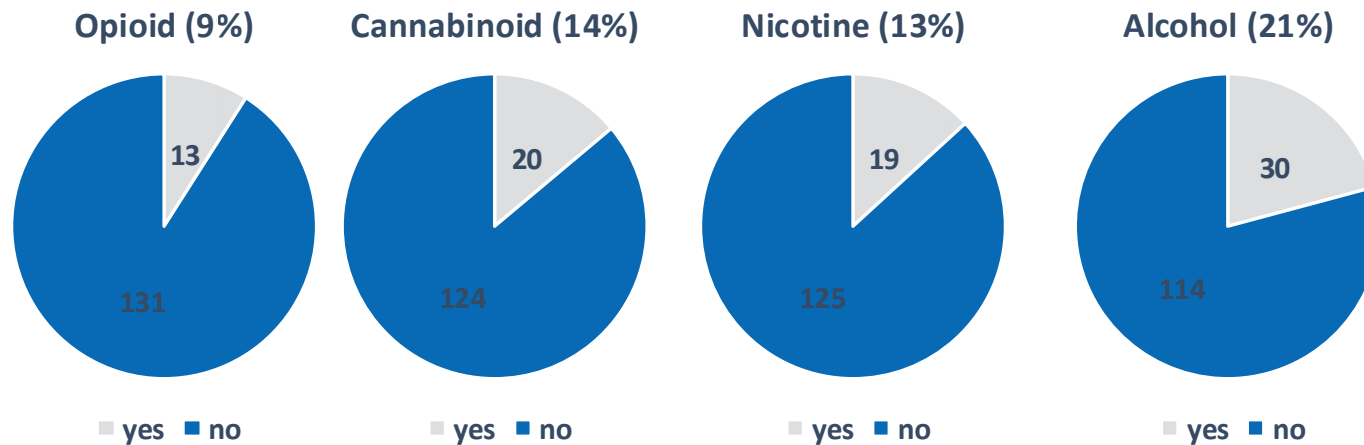
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Equitable Participation

- DEI: The HBCD consortium has developed a DEI committee that reviews all study materials to make sure that there are no intrinsic biases in the developed questions as well as to provide suggested changes to materials if a bias is identified.
- Each site has a Community Advisory Board that consists of community stakeholders with significant experience in different areas of the study that help to review different processes within the study and are a critical resource to provide knowledge of participant experiences
- Each site has a study navigator to help walk the participant through each visit
- Each site has developed resource guides unique to the community they are in



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Data availability

- Cumulative, curated data from HBCD will be publicly available through application and a data use agreement.
- Raw data from Assist and TLFB, as well as summary measures will be released.
- Biospecimen assays (continuous confirmatory results and categorical (positive/negative) results will be released.
- First data release anticipated late 2024.
- More information on study: <https://hbcdstudy.org>



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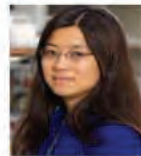
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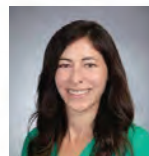
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Upcoming Events

- National Breastfeeding Month – August
- Black Breastfeeding Week – Aug 25 – 31
- Newborn Screening Month – August
- Midwifery Week Grand Rounds – October 9

NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH



Sometimes, it truly takes a village.

Milk donation is a vital gift that helps save the lives of vulnerable infants.

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ANNUAL Black Breastfeeding Week Celebration!

FREE DRIVE THRU EVENT!
5880 Skyline Drive
San Diego 92114

August 17, 2024
11am - 2pm

Scan to RSVP

<http://bit.ly/BlackBreastfeedingWeekSanDiego>

Join us for a **Free Breastfeeding Gift Bag** pickup event to celebrate Black pregnant and breastfeeding families.

Black Breastfeeding Week was created to bring awareness to the racial disparity in breastfeeding rates. *All are welcome to join the celebration!*

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SAVE THE DATE

Birth Community Engagement & Symposia
Grand Rounds
Midwifery Week Celebration



OCTOBER 9, 2024

Presented by the
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NEWBORN SCREENING MONTH

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BLACK BREASTFEEDING WEEK

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