

Wisconsin Counties Association
2025 ANNUAL ***GAME DAY***
CONFERENCE

1:00 – 2:00 PM

**Supporting Opioid Recovery: Tools to Track
and Improve Outcomes**

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OSPRI

Opioid Settlement Principles

Resource and Indicators

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About IRETA

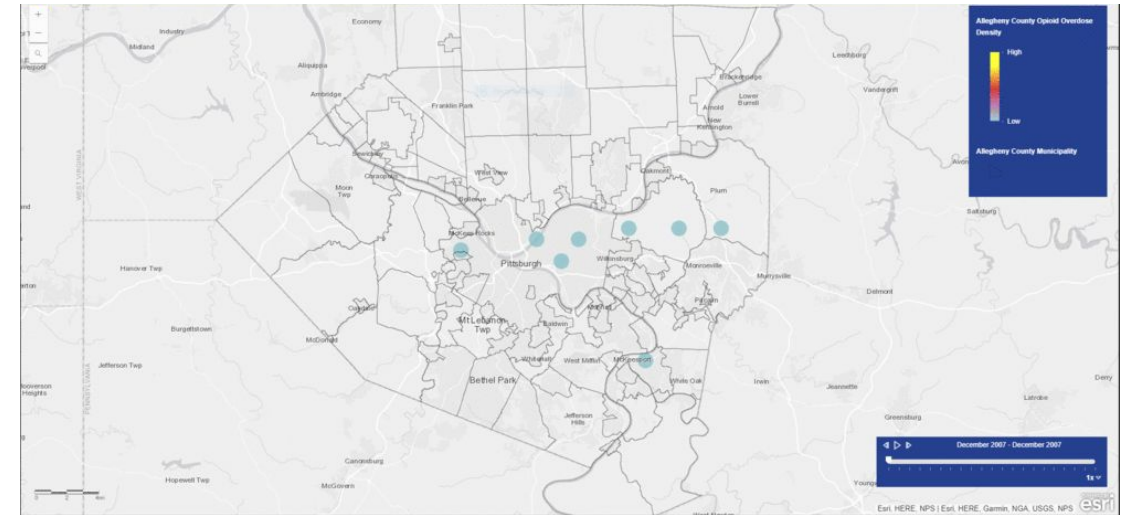
IRETA's mission is to help people respond effectively to substance use and related problems. It achieves its mission through:

- **Technical assistance**
 - Treatment providers: ASAM criteria/quality standards
 - Behavioral health agencies and MCOs: Value-based purchasing
 - Counties/states: Overdose prevention response planning
- **Research and evaluation**
 - Treatment continuity/performance measurement
 - Behavioral health analytics
- **Education and Training**
 - Evidence-based practices
 - Innovations in care

First, an exercise.....

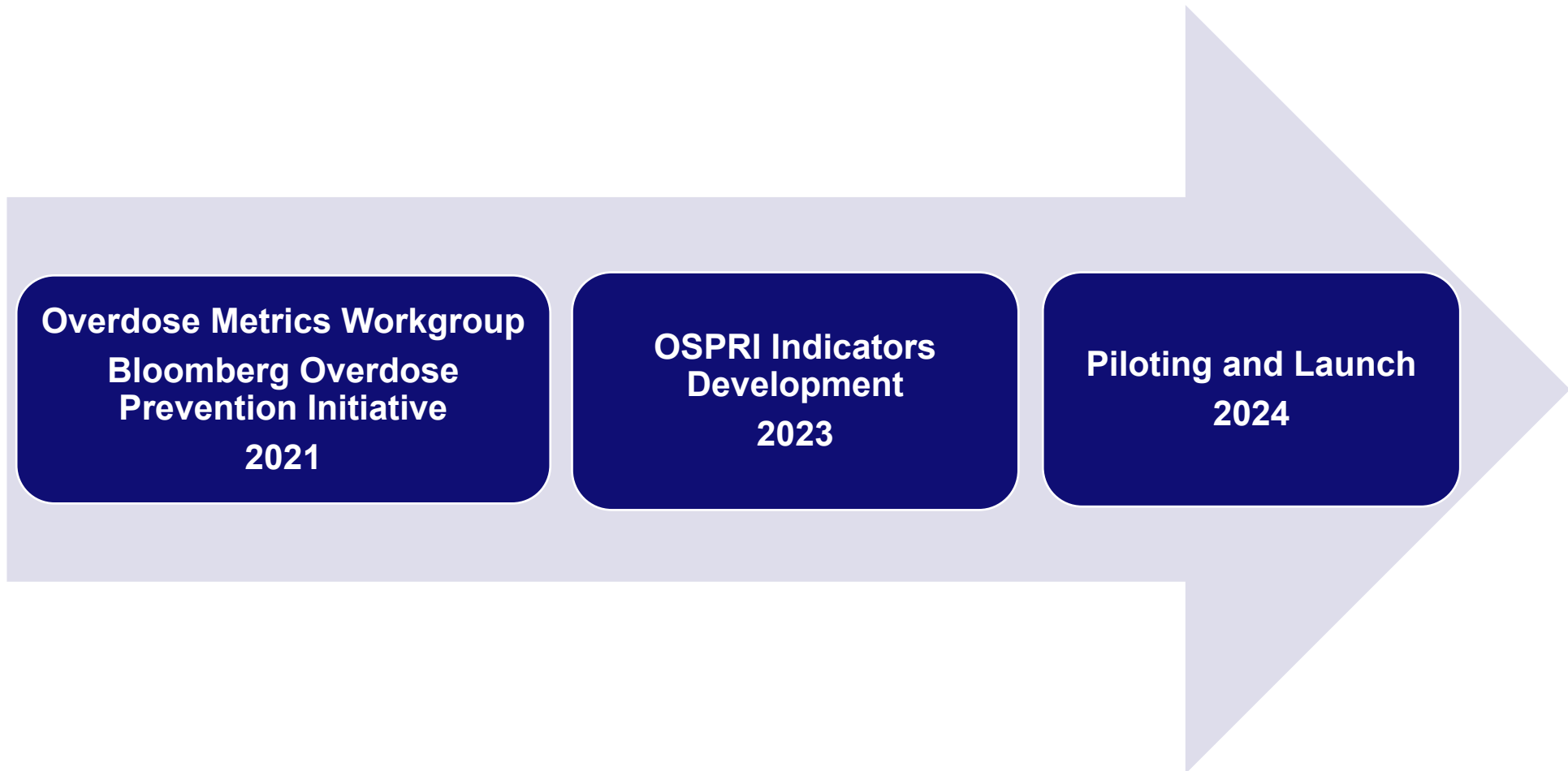
In 2024, Using Settlement & Other Funds, County A:

- Expanded naloxone distribution and targeted the most vulnerable populations in three regions in the county
- Expanded the capacity of a hospital buprenorphine bridge program
- Expanded a local PORT team



Source: <https://jonmgomes.com/line-chart-gif-icon/>

Why and How was OSPRI developed?



Overdose Prevention Project Lifecycle



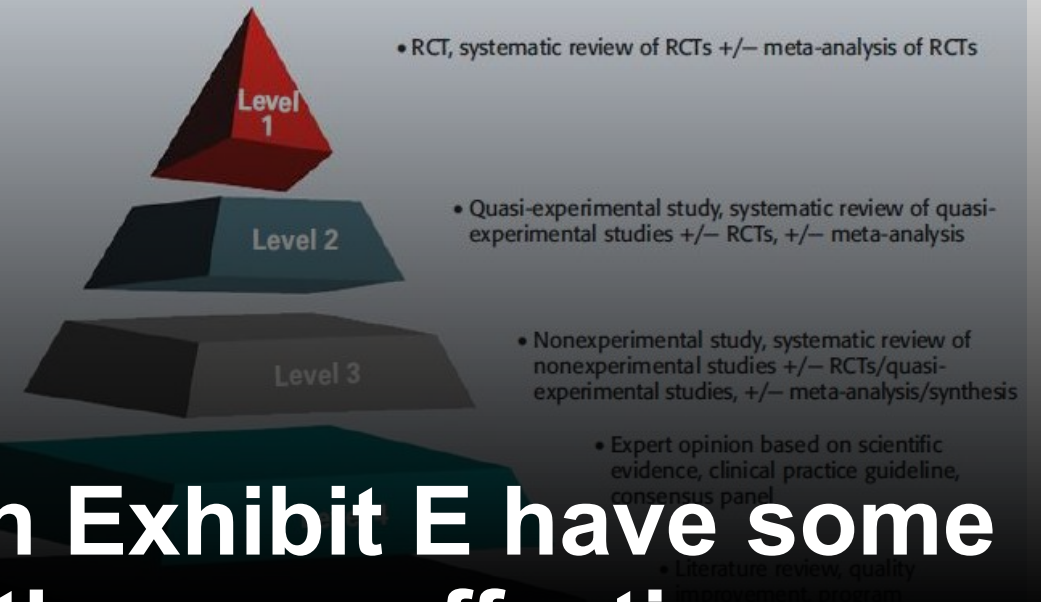
Exhibit E: List of Opioid Remediation Uses

Core Abatement Strategies

- Broaden access to naloxone
- Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder
- Provide treatment and supports during pregnancy and the postpartum period
- Expand services for neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome
- Fund warm hand-off programs and recovery services

Core Abatement Strategies in Exhibit E have some degree of evidence that they are effective.

Understanding the evidence hierarchy



OSPRI Demo

Opioid Settlement Principles

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To Guide Jurisdictions in the Use of Opioid Litigation Funds, We Encourage the Adoption of Five Guiding Principles

Confronting the on-going opioid crisis, many localities have already adopted interventions that save lives. Fortunately, new financial resources that can help states and communities fund additional programs are close at hand as a result of lawsuits brought by states, cities, and counties against opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical distributors, and pharmacies. This is an unprecedented opportunity to invest in solutions to address the needs of people who use drugs.

To ensure that opioid settlement dollars are used most effectively, the following Principles should be adopted.

PRINCIPLE 1

Spend the money to save lives.

Learn more

PRINCIPLE 2

Use evidence to guide spending.

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PRINCIPLE 3

Invest in youth prevention.

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PRINCIPLE 4

Focus on racial equity.

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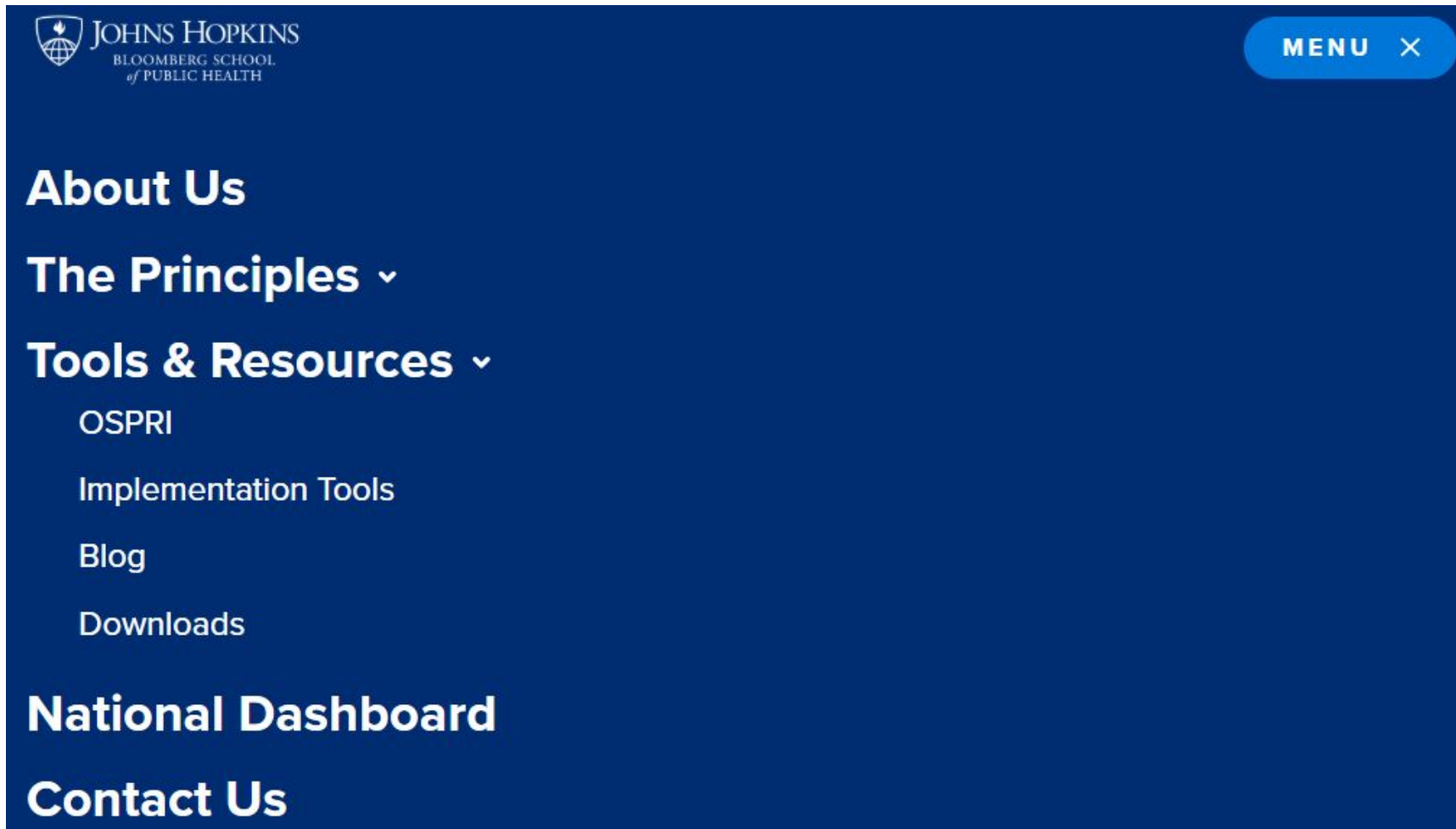
PRINCIPLE 5

Develop a fair and transparent process for deciding where to spend the funding.

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OPIOID SETTLEMENT PRINCIPLES RESOURCE AND INDICATORS

Indicators For Monitoring Opioid Litigation Spending

[Using OSPRI](#) [Using the Indicators](#) [About OSPRI](#) 

The strategy my jurisdiction is using is:

What are you hoping to change?

Select Strategy



Select Question



Select Continuum



Select Setting



Step 1: Where to start?

STEP 1

Where to start:

Upon entering the tool, the user is prompted to select either a **Core Abatement Strategy** that the jurisdiction plans to pursue in order to address one of its priorities or a **Key Performance Question**, a question that the user or community may be asking about the particular priority such as, “Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder?”

Select your jurisdiction's core abatement strategy or key performance question.

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Select Question

Step 1: Where to start?

The strategy my jurisdiction is using is:

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Select Strategy ▲	Select Question ▼
#1 - Broaden access to naloxone #2 - Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder #3 - Provide treatment and support during pregnancy and the postpartum period #4 - Expand services for neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome #5 - Fund warm hand-off programs and recovery services #6 - Improve care for opioid use disorder in the criminal justice system #7 - Enrich prevention strategies	Select Setting ▼

Step 1: Where to start?

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Select Continuum



Select Question



Are we improving our understanding of overdose risks in our communities to inform our response strategy?

Are we improving access to naloxone?

Are we getting naloxone to people who are the most vulnerable to overdose?

Are we improving access to harm reduction services?

Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder?

Are we improving utilization of medications for opioid use disorder?

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Indicators For: Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder?

INDICATOR	CORE ABATEMENT STRATEGY	CONTINUUM	SETTING	POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES
Number of patients with opioid use disorder who filled a new prescription for buprenorphine within 14 days following an emergency department visit for an overdose DATA TIPS	Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder	Treatment	Emergency Departments / Hospitals Primary Care Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Use of peers to coordinate care between providers Use of bridge clinics that include in-person or telephonic/telemedicine appointments following an ED encounter SHOW MORE
Rate of individuals with opioid use disorder who filled at least one prescription for buprenorphine DATA TIPS	Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder	Treatment	Primary Care Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Increase distribution of MOUD to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service Training and education regarding MOUD for first responders, prescribers, people who use drugs, patients receiving opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public
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Step 2: Narrow your parameters

STEP 2

Narrow your parameters:

The user may also choose to filter the indicators by **setting** (where the user intends for an activity or intervention to be implemented) or by area of the opioid response **continuum** (prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or recovery).

The strategy my jurisdiction is using is:

Select Strategy

What are you hoping to change?

Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder?

[x Clear Filter](#)

Select Continuum

Select Setting

Child Welfare

Community

Criminal Justice

Emergency Departments / Hospitals

First Responders (EMS / Fire / Police)

Government

Mental Health Treatment

Primary Care

Schools

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Step 2: Narrow your parameters

Indicators For: Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder? in Emergency Departments / Hospitals

Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder?

Emergency Departments / Hospitals

INDICATOR	CORE ABATEMENT STRATEGY	POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES
Number of providers who have prescribed buprenorphine within a specified time frame and/or geographic location DATA TIPS	Improve care for opioid use disorder in the criminal justice system Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder Provide treatment and support during pregnancy and the postpartum period	Provide MOUD education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose SHOW MORE
Number of patients transitioned to licensed substance use disorder treatment within 30 days following a visit to an emergency department for an overdose DATA TIPS	Fund warm hand-off programs and recovery services Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder Provide treatment and support during pregnancy and the postpartum period	Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to begin MOUD in hospital emergency departments Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services SHOW MORE
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Step 3: Tailor your results

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Tailor your results:

Next, the user can further refine the list of indicators based on how specific their planned response is. The user can continue to explore the range of possible activities or interventions, and the corresponding indicators by selecting a different **Core Abatement Strategy, Key Performance Question, Setting or Continuum**, all of which remain as filters the user can select in order to tailor the resulting table to the needs of the local community.

The strategy my jurisdiction is using is:

Select Strategy

What are you hoping to change?

Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder?

x

x [Clear Filter](#)

Select Continuum

Emergency Departments / Hospitals x

x [Clear Filter](#)

Indicators For: Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder? in Emergency Departments / Hospitals

Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder?

Emergency Departments / Hospitals

SELECT COLUMNS TO DISPLAY



INDICATOR



KEY PERFORMANCE QUESTION



CORE ABATEMENT STRATEGY



CONTINUUM



SETTING



POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

Step 4: Align with your priorities

STEP 4

Align with your priorities:

OSPRI will display a range of possible activities or interventions that are known to be effective in reducing overdose risks along with a list of corresponding indicators in a table below the selection. These indicators serve as suggestions to the user about what to 'track' or monitor when a specific activity or intervention is implemented.

OSPRI also offers suggested data tips including where to find the data and a tooltip of how to calculate the indicator.

INDICATOR

Percent of patients with opioid use disorder who were treated with buprenorphine during an emergency department visit after a drug overdose

DATA TIPS

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

Provide education and awareness training around medications to treat opioid use disorder to healthcare providers, and first responders

Engage with hospital administrators and clinical leaders to adopt and promote clinical protocols to treat OUD

Establish a clinical champion in the ED to promote the adoption of buprenorphine treatment

Develop a plan to incorporate and sustain peers (navigators, recovery coach, etc) in the ED setting

Integrate buprenorphine prescribing into electronic medical records and pharmacy management systems

Provide MOUD education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders

Provide treatment and recovery support services such as residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allows or integrates medication with other support services.

SHOW LESS



Data Tips

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Data Tips

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INDICATOR	
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Potential Data Sources	
Administrative Data / Health Care Claims; State Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)	
HIDE DATA TIPS	
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Program Logic

Indicators For: Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder? in Emergency Departments / Hospitals

Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder?

> Emergency Departments / Hospitals

SELECT COLUMNS TO DISPLAY

☒ INDICATOR

☐ KEY PERFORMANCE QUESTION

☐ CORE ABATEMENT STRATEGY

☐ CONTINUUM

☐ SETTING

☒ POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

INDICATOR

Number of providers who have prescribed buprenorphine by geographic location

[DATA TIPS](#)

Number of patients transitioned to licensed substance use treatment following a visit to an emergency department for opioid use disorder

[DATA TIPS](#)

PROGRAM LOGIC

Treatment with buprenorphine is evidence-based and a key overdose prevention strategy. However, this treatment is underused and many communities do not have sufficient capacity among providers to treat people with buprenorphine.

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ffered by qualified professionals and

with opioid use disorder and any co-

for persons who have experienced an

MOUD in hospital emergency

Expand harm reduction services to transition to recovery services



Step 5: Use your results

STEP 5

Use your results:

Once the user has created a custom table based on your responses, OSPRI offers a curated list of indicators that can be used to monitor opioid settlement investments. These indicators can be used to communicate reporting expectations to grantees that receive settlement funding. Jurisdictions can include these indicators in Requests For Proposals (RFPs) and listed in grant awards/contracts as what grantees must report to account for their activities.

Indicators For: Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder? in Emergency Departments / Hospitals

PRINT SETTINGS

Are we improving access to medications for opioid use disorder? in Emergency Departments / Hospitals

Select which columns and rows to print below.

SELECT COLUMNS TO DISPLAY

☒ INDICATOR

☐ KEY PERFORMANCE QUESTION

☒ CORE ABATEMENT STRATEGY

☐ CONTINUUM

☐ SETTING

☒ POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

INDICATOR	DATA TIPS	DETAILS	KEY PERFORMANCE QUESTION	POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES	PROGRAM LOGIC
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DATA TIPS

Number of individuals with an opioid use disorder who were prescribed, expanded or used a prescription for an MOUD

DATA TIPS

Percent of patients with opioid use disorder who were treated with buprenorphine during an emergency department visit after a drug overdose

Print

The table is scrollable, please scroll to see more rows.

Ready to use OSPRI to select some indicators?



Thank you for your work to reduce overdose risks in your community!

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