

Buprenorphine in the VA (BIV PROJECT): Improving Implementation and Outcomes of Office Based Opioid Dependence Treatment in the VA

A Tool for Buprenorphine Care

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Buprenorphine Training

Online Buprenorphine Training Available at...

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) (<http://www.asam.org/BuprenorphineCME.html>)

- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Earn 8 hours Credit
- Registration Fee of \$150

American Psychiatric Association (APA) (<http://www.psych.org/cme>)

- Earn 8 hours Credit
- Registration Fee of \$100 for APA members and \$200 for non-members and FREE for residents who are APA members
- Able to exit program at any time, your progress will be saved

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) (www.aaap.org)

- Earn 9 hours Credit
- Registration Fee of \$99 for AAAP members and \$189 for non-members
- Participants can take individual modules for \$11 per CME credit hour for AAAP members and \$21 per CME credit hour for non-members.

Free Non-CME Online Training Available at...

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) (www.aaap.org)

- Financial Aid for those who meet both criteria
 1. Financial need that makes the \$189 course fee a hardship
 2. Do not wish to receive CME credit for this course

Training Sessions Schedule...

Venue: Holiday Inn Lansing West, Lansing, MI

- Date: Sept 15, 2007
- Sponsoring Organization: AAAP

Venue: Marriott Mobile, AL

- Date: Sept 22, 2007
- Phone: 251-476-6400
- Sponsoring Organization: AAAP

Venue: Hilton Pittsburgh, PA

- Date: Oct 13, 2007
- Phone: 412-391-4600
- Sponsoring Organization: AAAP

Updates in Research

1. McCance-Katz, EF, et al. Interaction between Buprenorphine and Atazanavir or Atazanavir/Ritonavir. *Drug Alcohol Depend.* 2007 Jul 20; [Epub ahead of print].
2. Magura, S, et al. Outcomes of Buprenorphine Maintenance in Office-Based Practice. *J Addict Dis.* 2007;26(2):13-23.

Tip of the Month

Buprenorphine in combination with counseling can help patients remain in treatment and gain control over their opioid dependence. In some instances, patients are not willing or ready to attend counseling. If this is the case, you can suggest to your patient the option of keeping a journal. Contents of the journal can include patient's thoughts and feelings about their treatment as well as a record of their progress.

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