A Tool for Buprenorphine Care
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The Adventures of Methadone Man and Buprenorphine Babe is a project of the Open Society Foundations’ International Harm-Reduction Development Program. The Open Society Foundation is an organization that works “to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens.” In order raise awareness of and build knowledge about harm reduction-based treatments for opioid dependence in places where access is limited or buprenorphine and methadone are banned, they created these superheros. The project also aims to reduce the spread of HIV.

There are 3 videos (streamed from YouTube) and a graphic novel. The materials are under a creative commons license, meaning that anyone is free to distribute them as long as attribution is given. (More details about that are here.)

Spanish Language Patient Education Resources Available

BupPractice.com (funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse) has 20 Spanish-language patient handouts on various buprenorphine-related topics available. Topics include pregnancy, honesty in the provider-patient relationship, side effects, and understanding opioid dependence. Check them out here.

Research Update


Frequently Asked Question:
What type of clinical work-up do you do prior to induction?

A complete history should be taken, patient should be given a physical exam, lab testing should be completed, mental status exam given, and a psychiatric evaluation completed if indicated. The eight-hour training program provides a good synopsis of what medical and psychiatric evaluation should occur.

Source: Buprenorphine Initiative in the VA Resource Guide

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