



A Tool for Buprenorphine Care

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE THE VA

Recently, the VA has begun to offer two generic forms of buprenorphine/naloxone tablets as earlier this year the FDA approved generic manufacture of this combination pill of buprenorphine. Below are the current medications available to VA providers for buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone.

Manufacturer	Trade Name	Active Ingredient(s)	Formulation	Dose	Representative Image
Actavis	Buprenorphine HCl / Naloxone HCl Dihydrate Sublingual Tablets	Buprenorphine HCl / Naloxone HCL	Sublingual Tablet	2mg 8mg	
AvKARE (Amneal)	Buprenorphine HCl / Naloxone HCl Tab	Buprenorphine HCl / Naloxone HCL	Sublingual Tablet	2mg 8mg	
Reckitt Benckiser	Suboxone™ Sublingual Film	Buprenorphine HCl / Naloxone HCL	Sublingual Film	2mg 4mg 8mg 12mg	
Reckitt Benckiser	Suboxone™ Sublingual Tablet	Buprenorphine HCl / Naloxone HCl	Sublingual Tablet	2mg 8mg	
Roxane Laboratories (Boehringer Ingelheim)	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride Sublingual Tablets, CIII	Buprenorphine HCl	Sublingual Tablet	2mg 8mg	
Teva	Buprenorphine HCl Sublingual Tablets CIII	Buprenorphine HCl	Sublingual Tablet	2mg 8mg	

MEDICATION-ASSISTED ADDICTION TREATMENT IN THE NEWS

1. [Titan Pharmaceuticals Announces Amendment to Partnership With Braeburn Pharmaceuticals](#)
2. [BioDelivery Sciences Announces NDA Submission for BUNAVAIL on Track Following Positive Pre-NDA Meeting with FDA](#)

RESEARCH UPDATE

1. Am J Public Health. 2013 May;103(5):917-22. Epub 2013 Mar 14. [Opioid agonist treatments and heroin overdose deaths in Baltimore, Maryland, 1995-2009](#). Schwartz RP, Gryczynski J, O'Grady KE, Sharfstein JM, Warren G. Friends Research Institute, Baltimore, MD 21201, USA. TAKE HOME POINT: "Increased access to opioid agonist treatment was associated with a reduction in heroin overdose deaths. Implementing policies that support evidence-based medication treatment of opiate dependence may decrease heroin overdose deaths."
2. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2013 Jan 25; 62 (3):56. [Emergency department visits and hospitalizations for buprenorphine ingestion by children--United States, 2010-2011](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). TAKE HOME POINT: "Buprenorphine products were involved in disproportionate numbers of unsupervised ingestions by children aged <6 years, compared with other prescription drugs."

