FDA Approves Vivitrol for Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Monthly injections of naltrexone (Vivitrol) have been approved for treating alcohol dependence since 2006. This month, the FDA gave the go-ahead for marketing it as the first non-maintenance medication to treat opioid dependence. Read the full story [here](#).

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**Frequently Asked Question:**

Is it feasible to treat patients who are homeless with buprenorphine?

Yes. This is the conclusion from a pertinent study:

> “Despite homeless opioid dependent patients' social instability, greater comorbidities, and more chronic drug use, office-based opioid treatment with buprenorphine was effectively implemented in this population comparable to outcomes in housed patients with respect to treatment failure, illicit opioid use, and utilization of substance abuse treatment.”


Source: Buprenorphine Initiative in the VA Resource Guide