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Session Date: Friday, September 15, 2023

Didactic Topic and Presenter:

Delivering Harm Reduction Care: Balancing with Plans for Treatment and Recovery

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- 12:15 PM: Attendance text-in Introductions
- 12:25 PM: Case Presentation
 - Presenter: Jean Riquelme, MD FAAFP Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- 1PM: Didactic Presentation

o Presenter: Ben Bruso

1:15 PM End of Session

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Delivering Harm Reduction Care: Balancing with Plans for Treatment and Recovery 9/15/23

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Intended Audience:

Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Pharmacy Technicians, Psychologists, Social Workers, Patient/Caregivers, Students

Objectives:

As a result of this educational regularly scheduled series, learners as members of the healthcare team will be able to:

- Define harm reduction concept and interventions.
- Increase knowledge of harm reductions strategies available to patients/clients
- Identify harm reduction strategies that they can implement into practice, and how they can assess progress.
- Discuss harm reduction strategies used currently in practice, and how others can replicate them.

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Case Introduction

▶ 40 year female of Puerto Rican descent requesting to be referred back to her Suboxone prescriber at a community based health center program. Needs PCP to do so.

 Primary question for discussion: How to overcome barriers to seeking care under harm reduction model in experienced Suboxone patient



Medical & Behavioral Current Medications: Health Diagnosis: Polysubstance use disorder (heroin, None fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine)



Substance Use

- ▶ History: Started with use of opioids and meth in teens. In past 6 months using cocaine more often. Looks for heroin with fentanyl when using. Dx opioid use disorder in our system 2019.
- Consequences of Substance Use:
 - Social/occupational/educational: incarceration twice for possession most recently 4/2023 which interrupted her buprenorphine treatment.
 - Physical (including evidence of tolerance/withdrawal): generally presents for treatment with mild to moderate withdrawal manages with antiemetics + NSAID
 - Near fatal overdose 5/2023 when she resumed heroin/fentanyl; has been trying to re-establish buprenorphine since. She is required to see PCP for referral back to MAT program as she missed two induction appointments.
- ▶ Past treatments: inpatient detox x 2 one in 20's, once in 30's; is treated under harm reduction model, continues with stimulant (meth, cocaine) during treatment; longest period of opioid abstinence 2019-2020 when on Sublocade and her goal is to return to that regimen. Stable on Suboxone 8/2022 until her incarceration this year.



Social History:

Family History:

- Social Factors/History: Currently lives with mother
- Had worked in restaurant, child care, restaurants
- Education/Literacy: finished high school in PR; moved to US and drug use started with that move; fluent in two languages,
- Income source: public assistance for food and housing

- No family history of substance misuse
- Mother with anxiety and depression



Patient strengths & protective factors:

Risk factors:

- Mother is supportive of her treatment plans and keeps detailed records
- Has experienced success with previous treatment and wants to get back to that time
- Family and friends educated about Narcan and prepared to use
- Continues to use substances that put her in contact with opioid suppliers
- Uses fentanyl



Labs

- Most urine drug screens in 2022/2023 were positive for buprenorphine, meth, cocaine. One specimen positive fentanyl. Negative for marijuana, other substances.
- ▶ HIV and hepatitis serology negative 1/2023



Patient Goals & Motivations for Treatment

- Patient feels confident of managing opioid use under harm reduction model. Her goal would be to stabilize on SL buprenorphine and then starting Sublocade. Her insurance requires "stable on buprenorphine daily" before approving Sublocade.
- Patient was frightened by recent unintentional overdose and anxious to start treatment to reduce her likelihood of overdose death



Proposed Diagnoses

- Opioid use disorder
- Methamphetamine use
- Cocaine use



Proposed Treatment Plan

 Resume buprenorphine under harm reduction model of care



Discussion:

- Primary question: Re-entering care—what are the barriers?
- Patient was unable to see her PCP until October due to no appointments available. She was scheduled with "float provider" (me) but was unable to keep appointment due to no transportation. Did not have access to phone and wifi for video visit. Phone visit deemed "inadequate" by MAT program for evaluation.



DSM-5 Substance Use Disorder ("Addiction")

- Tolerance
 Withdrawal

 Physical Dependence ≠ Use Disorder
- Larger amts/longer periods than intended
- Persistent desire/failed attempts to quit/control use
- Much time obtaining/using/recovering
- Important activities sacrificed
- Continued use despite known adverse effects
- Failure to fulfill major obligations
- Recurrent hazardous use
- Craving
- Ongoing use despite interpersonal problems

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Overview

- Harm Reduction Philosophy
- Strategies
- Discussion



 Harm Reduction is a set of practical strategies aimed at reducing the negative consequences of certain behaviors or actions.

- "Any Positive Change, as a person sees fit"
- Recognizes abstinence as a strategy, but is not the only option.
- Celebrates Autonomy of individual
- Levels: Interventions, Philosophy, Policy.



- Syringe Service Programs
 - Syringes, Cookers, Cotton
- Naloxone, drug checking
- Safer consumption sites
- Decreased or modified use
- Staggered use in communal spaces
- Housing first model
- Safe supply
- Stigma Reduction-LANGUAGE MATTERS



- People who use drugs have been keeping each other safe for longer than we have
- PWUD are subject matter experts, and should be treated as such
- Community is important
 - Experienced PWUD
 - Trust & Information sharing
 - Trends in substances



- Communicable Disease Prevention
 - HIV, HCV
- Overdose Prevention
- Community Level Prevention
 - Sharps Disposal
 - Overdose Prevention Readiness
- Prevention of Adverse Health Conditions
- Amplify Needs
- Foster Community



- Tourniquets can prevent missed shots & help maintain vein quality
 - Prevents use of ultrasound or additional staff for blood draws
 - Prevents abscess and potential infections
 - Prevents experiences that may be stigmatizing or shameful



- "I pretty much wanted to die most of my life...but then once I started using, I started trying to live." For eight months, the participant said that they would, "use once per day after 5pm, and never three days in a row,"
- "wanted to take the edge off after I went outside and did things all day." They expressed that being disciplined in their use worked for them. "I felt like I got a lot more done. I ended up getting a vehicle...I was getting back to having a routine in life instead of just living in pain."



- What strategies can we implement on any level to promote harm reduction and health?
- How do you practice Harm Reduction?
 - Interventions
 - Policy
 - Philosophy



Conclusions

- Harm Reduction strategies have saved countless lives
- People Who Use Drugs deserve dignity and respect
- Stigma & Shame is dangerous



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