

Addiction & Co-morbid Conditions: Enhancing Prevention & Therapeutics

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Session Date: Friday, August 15, 2025

Didactic Topic and Presenter:

Supporting SUD Care For Patients Anticipating Incarceration

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 - Presenter: Margaret Gray, MD University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- 12:50 PM: Didactic Presentation
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Intended Audience:

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

Objectives:

- Discuss with patients about legal involvement in a non-judgmental and non-stigmatizing way.
- Illustrate ways to assist patients who anticipate jail time to prepare for incarceration
- Effectively participate and communicate in office-based, collaborative management of substance use disorders and related conditions.

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Case Presentation

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Case Introduction

- ▶ 54 yo male hx of non-obstructive CAD, HFrEF (EF 25%), HTN, asthma, soleus vein DVT, bilateral lower extremity wounds, opioid use disorder, methamphetamine use disorder seen by our service for opioid use disorder in June and July 2025.
- Primary question for discussion:
 Medications for opioid use disorder in patients anticipating incarceration



Medical & Behavioral Health Diagnosis:

Current Medications:

- Non-obstructive CAD
- Hypertension
- Dilated cardiomyopathy
- Chronic Systolic Heart Failure (EF 25%)
- OSA
- Prediabetes
- Chronic low back pain
- ADHD
- Tobacco use disorder
- Opioid use disorder
- Methamphetamine use
- History of alcohol use

Atorvastatin 40 mg daily

Bumetanide 2 mg daily

Apixaban 5 mg twice daily

Sodium zirconium cyclosilicate packet daily

Metoprolol succinate 25 mg daily

Silver sulfadizine daily

Tiotropium-olodaterol 2.5-2.5 2 puffs daily

Valsartan 20 mg twice daily

PRN:

Albuterol Sulfate HFA

Loperamide

Naloxone IN



Substance Use

- ▶ History: Started using opioids prior to age 18, completed a residential stay and was abstinent for 15 years. Has been using what is marketed as heroin for a prolonged period of time, which is not specified in initial consult notes. During May hospitalization indicated he was using 1 gram daily. Also reports use of 0.5-1 gram of methamphetamine daily. During June hospitalization reports using ½ gram IV every other day or more, depending on funds. Did not indicate current use of methamphetamine.
- Consequences of Substance Use:
 - Social/occupational/educational: currently unemployed and has no stable income, history of being unhoused, documented social/interpersonal conflict due to substances, arrests
 - Physical: SSTIs, sepsis from Group A Strep bacteremia (5/2025), stimulant-induced cardiomyopathy
- Past medication treatments: Treated with methadone for 2.5 years. Last treatment was >1 year ago. Stopped therapy due to significant weight gain. Started on buprenorphine-naloxone sl films during May 27-June 2, 2025 admission with a high-dose start dosing strategy. Transitioned to bup-nx sl film 8 mg TID. Self-discharged three days after starting buprenorphine and was not given prescription on discharge. During June 12-22, 2025 admission, was started on methadone and titrated to 55 mg given as split dosing for pain and consolidated prior to discharge. Planned to follow up at MCT East for ongoing care. He did not continue methadone after discharge.



Social History: Family History: Social Factors/History: Lives in tiny home Not discussed in detail. community Education/Literacy: Not documented Income source: No stable income reported Currently in Dane Co Sherrif's custody. Awaiting sentencing. Duration of incarceration unknown at time of July 2025 patient contact



Patient strengths & protective factors:

Risk factors:

Understanding of patient strengths limited by nature of inpatient interactions (brief, occurring while patient is in acute pain, and observed by law enforcement)

Has a connection to Madison Street Medicine team.

Retention in care with traditional models has been challenging.

Recent diagnosis of non-ischemic cardiomyopathy, systolic heart failure has led to a new, complex self-care regimen and poorly-controlled heart failure symptoms further limit the patient's ability to access SUD care.



Labs

None to discuss



Patient Goals & Motivations for Treatment

- Pain control
- Avoid opioid withdrawal symptoms
- Patient indicates that individuals in his social circle have had good experiences with the proposed treatment.



Proposed Diagnoses

Severe Opioid Use Disorder



Proposed Treatment Plan

- buprenorphine ER 300 mg subcutaneous injection
- Follow up with the patient in 1 month or sooner as a walk-in



Discussion:

- Primary question:
 - How, if at all, should our treatment recommendations around MOUD change in individuals anticipating incarceration?



Supporting and Advocating for Patients who Anticipate Jail Time

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In 1832, the Ho-Chunk were forced to cede this territory and I respect the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk nation, along with the 11 other First Nations of Wisconsin.

Discussing Legal Involvement

- Part of the standard intake process
 - Use non-stigmatizing language
- Provide rationale for why you are asking, namely to:
 - Support the patient
 - Understand:
 - Any treatments recommended or discouraged
 - Available services and resources through court/probation/parole

Discussing Legal Involvement

When a patient is justiceinvolved, ask questions related to:













Discussing Outstanding Charges

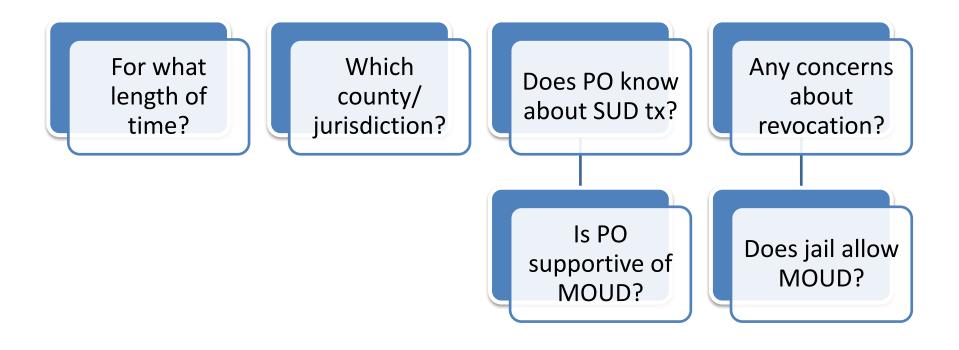
What is the anticipated outcome?

Which county?

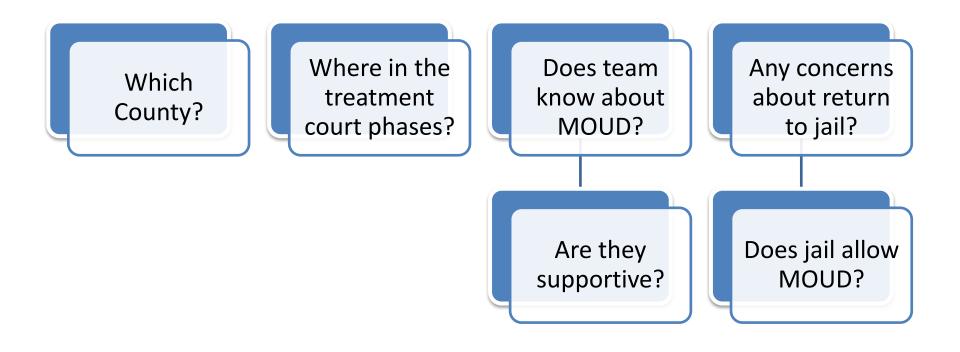
If jail time is anticipated, when?

Does the jail allow MOUD?

Discussing Parole and Probation



Discussing Treatment Court



Strategies to Support Patients with Legal Involvement

- Offer to:
 - Write a letter describing engagement in (SUD) care.
 - Coordinate services with court-mandated treatment provider.
- If the Judge or probation/parole officer does not support MOUD, offer to:
 - Write a letter explaining diagnosis and recommending medication.
 - Share resources with court (written or verbally).
 - Call court representative with patient to discuss recommended treatment..



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Planning for Anticipated Jail Time

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Which medications are allowed in jail (MOUD and psych) 2

Does patient need to bring own medications and coordinate with jail? 3

Send medical diagnoses and a medication list to jail (with signed ROI) 4

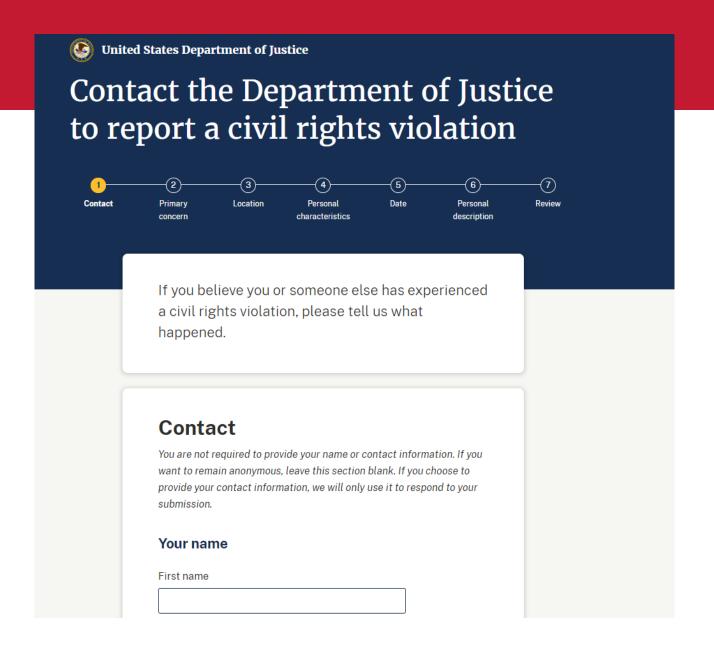
Discuss additional ROIs for care coordination while incarcerated (family, trusted person, etc)

Planning for Anticipated Jail Time

If MOUD is not allowed to be continued:

- According to the Department of Justice, not allowing someone to continue prescribed MOUD while incarcerated is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Encourage the patient to report case to the Department of Justice (DOJ) or have patient sign release so you can submit on their behalf.





Case Example

- 45 yo man who recently got his third OWI (cannabis positive while driving) – will have mandatory jail time
- He is currently on buprenorphine 24mg daily, an SSRI, and trazodone for sleep
- OUD is in remission, intermittent cocaine use, intermittent cannabis use
- What would you do?

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Final Takeaways/Summary

- Standardize intake forms to ask about legal involvement in a non-judgmental and non-stigmatizing way:
 - Ask permission to collect this information.
 - Explain it is being collected to support their care.
- When jail time is anticipated, consider:
 - Can they continue current meds in jail?
 - If not, is there a long acting injectable that may be appropriate?
 - What ROIs need to be signed in advance?
 - How do we coordinate while patient is incarcerated?
 - How do we ensure return to care upon release?

Discussion and Questions