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Successful outpatient treatment of opiate addiction

Looking forward to our "Sublocade launch" and looking back on over five years of outpatient treatment of opiate addiction in a suburban private USA psychiatric practice using Suboxone or generic buprenorphine. The presenter will give a detailed description of their experience using buprenorphine and naltrexone combination medications to treat opiate addiction. We will cover our successes and our struggles to treat clients who are opiate-dependent highlighting best practice methodologies. The attendees will be "brought into our clinic" to better understand how to liaison with therapists, community resources and family and friends. We will describe in detail our treatment protocol and our emphasis on 12- step principles and therapy techniques including DBT and Emotional Freedom Tapping. We will give real-life examples of these treatment modalities reinforce a growing sense of self-love, compassion and self- forgiveness. We will also review the use of these medications in clients with medical conditions and at varying stages of life. We will also highlight our early clinical experience with Sublocade, the new monthly injection form of buprenorphine. This new delivery system will eliminate some of the difficulties associated with the prescription of oral agents. We will present the management of our clients using this new delivery system.

Biography

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