

MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE, WITHDRAWAL, & ADDICTION

Medications for opioid **overdose**, **withdrawal**, and **addiction** are safe, effective and save lives.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse supports research to develop new medicines and delivery systems to treat opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders, as well as other complications of substance use (including withdrawal and overdose), to help people choose treatments that are right for them.

FDA-approved medications for opioid addiction, overdose, and withdrawal work in various ways.

—⊖ Opioid Receptor Agonist

Medications attach to opioid receptors in the brain to block withdrawal symptoms and cravings.

—⊖ Opioid Receptor Partial Agonist

Medications attach to and partially activate opioid receptors in the brain to ease withdrawal symptoms and cravings.

—⊖ Opioid Receptor Antagonist

Medications block activity of opioid receptors in the brain to prevent euphoric effects (the high) of opioids and alcohol and help reduce cravings.

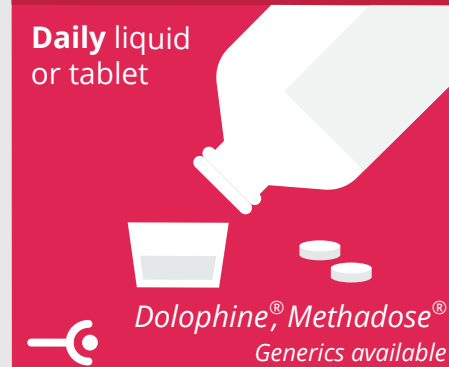
—⊖ Adrenergic Receptor Agonist

A medication that attaches to and activates adrenergic receptors in the brain and helps alleviate withdrawal symptoms.

REDUCES OPIOID USE AND CRAVINGS

Methadone

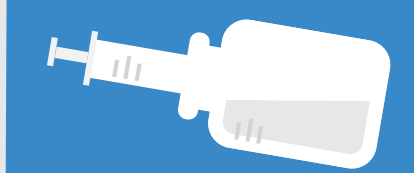
Daily liquid or tablet



Dolophine®, Methadose®
Generics available

Naltrexone

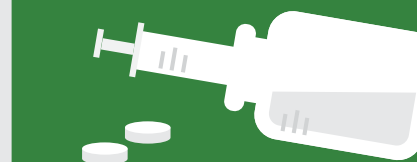
Monthly Injection



Vivitrol®

Buprenorphine

Daily tablet
Monthly injection



Sublocade®
Generic tablets available

Buprenorphine/ Naloxone

Daily film under the
tongue or tablet



Zubsolv®, Suboxone®
Generics available

TREATS WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS

Lofexidine

As-needed tablet



Lucemyra®

REVERSES OVERDOSE

Naloxone

Emergency nasal spray
or injection



Narcan®, Kloxxado®
Generics available