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| CNE’s or Managers please post in employee areas | |
| Keeping You Informed | FH Emergency Network **fraser heatlh** |
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| May 15, 2018 | |
| Suboxone Induction in FH Emergency Departments  Effective June 27, 2018 | |
| What’s Happening?   * Current BC guidelines recommend buprenorphine as first line treatment for opioid use disorder.  Evidence exists that Opioid Agoinst Treatment decreases morbidity and mortality. Physicians do not require an exemption to prescribe Suboxone. * **A Regional Pre-printed order (PPO) for Emergency Department (ED) Induction (Day 1) of Buprenorphine – Naloxone (Suboxone) will be available for use June 27, 2018 at ARH, BGH, CGH, LMH, RMH and SMH.** This PPO will be used for induction in adult patients who present to a Fraser Health Emergency Department in moderate to severe opioid withdrawal and who are not able to access an outpatient Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) clinic within a reasonable timeframe. * **The PPO will be rolled out in other FH EDs prior to the end of 2018.**   The sites that are initially targeted were prioritized based on the total number of fatal overdose events seen in 2017.   * We hope to transition to outpatient OAT starts in the future, but currently the resources are not in place. * Patients come to the ED when other options don’t exits, and offering patients with Opioid addiction this treatment can save lives. The number to treat for buprenorphine is very low (NNT between 2 and 4 depending on study cited) for both illicit drug use suppression and retention in treatment. * Patients started on Suboxone in the ED should be referred to the Community Substance Use Services Access Team, **Meditech O/E SUS Access Team Referral** as well as the local clinic designated to receive OAT patients.   How This May Affect You?   * **Share awareness** of the PPO with nurses and physicians working in FH Emergency Departments. * **Familiarize yourself** on the location of the PPO and supporting documentation on FormImprint. * Attend emergency department education huddles provided by ED CNEs if applicable. * **Communicate to the MRP/PCC when significant concerns are identified in implementing Suboxone induction.**   Questions?  For further information contact: Abigail Darby, Regional CNE for Emergency Network at [abigail.holder@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:abigail.holder@fraserhealth.ca)  Mary Van Osch, Clinical Nurse Specialist Emergency Network at [mary.vanosch@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:mary.vanosch@fraserhealth.ca)  Jennifer McDuff, Clinical Nurse Specialist Emergency Network at jennifer.mcduff@fraserhealth.ca | |
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