



# Saving Lives and Rebuilding Families: Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders

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# Advancing Opioid and Drug Prevention Treatment (ADOPT) Webinar Objectives

- Identify and assess opportunities for addressing opioid use disorders within your community and clinical practice site.
- Summarize the process and requirements for providing medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders in the community setting including the steps to obtain a DEA waiver for buprenorphine, patient census caps, reporting mandates, and recommended best clinical practices.
- Describe currently available supports for clinicians and administrators to optimize capacity to treat opioid use disorder and articulate concrete next steps to improve clinic and/or provider readiness.

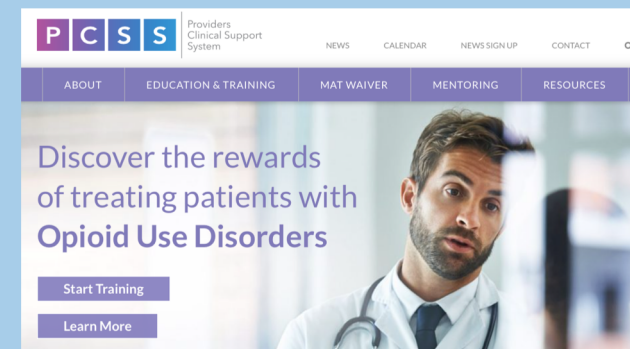
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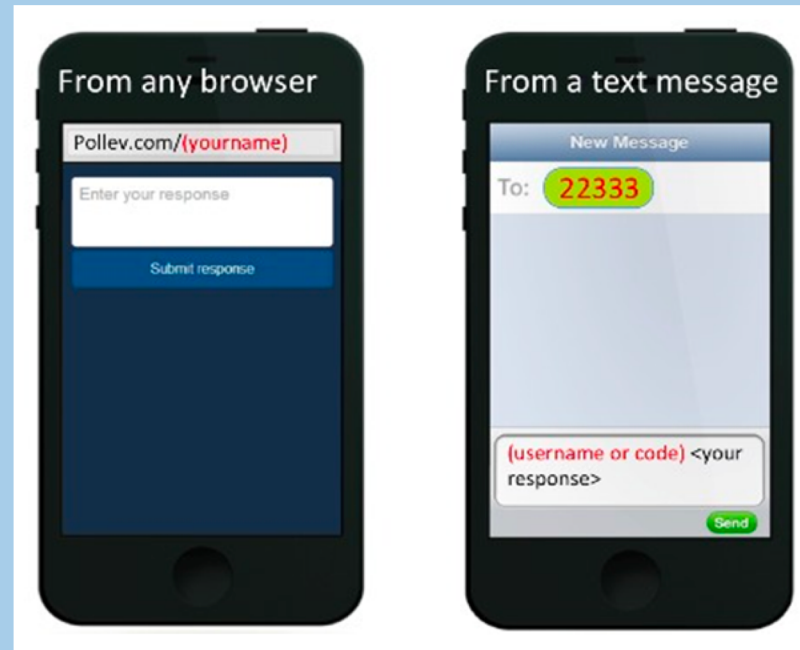


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- **Natural opioids** (including morphine and codeine) and **semi-synthetic opioids** (drugs like oxycodone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, and oxymorphone)
- **Methadone**, a synthetic opioid
- **Synthetic opioids** other than methadone (drugs like tramadol and fentanyl)
- **Heroin**, an illicit (illegally made) opioid synthesized from morphine that can be a white or brown powder, or a black sticky substance.



## RISE IN OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS IN AMERICA

### A Multi-Layered Problem in Three Distinct Waves

**399,000** people died  
from an opioid overdose (1999–2017)

1990s

mark a rise in  
**prescription opioid**  
overdose deaths



#### Rx OPIOIDS

Include natural, semi-synthetic, and methadone and can be prescribed by doctors

2010

marks a rise in  
**heroin**  
overdose deaths



#### HEROIN

An illegal opioid

2013

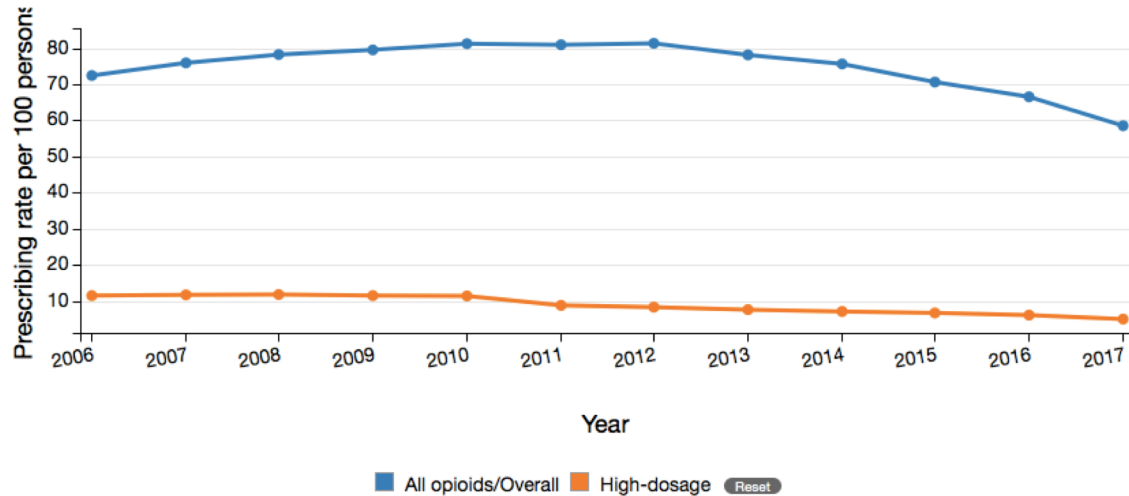
marks a rise in  
**synthetic opioid**  
overdose deaths



#### SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS

Such as fentanyl and tramadol are very powerful and can be illegally made

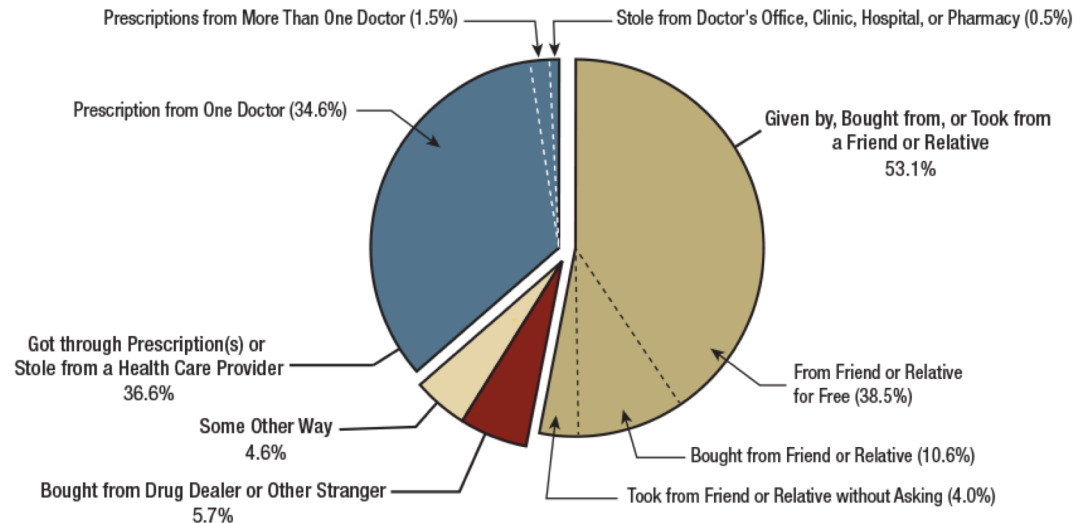
## Trends in Annual Opioid Prescribing Rates by Overall and High-Dosage Prescriptions



## 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

## CDC Prescription Opioid Data

**Figure 26. Source Where Pain Relievers Were Obtained for Most Recent Misuse among People Aged 12 or Older Who Misused Prescription Pain Relievers in the Past Year: Percentages, 2017**

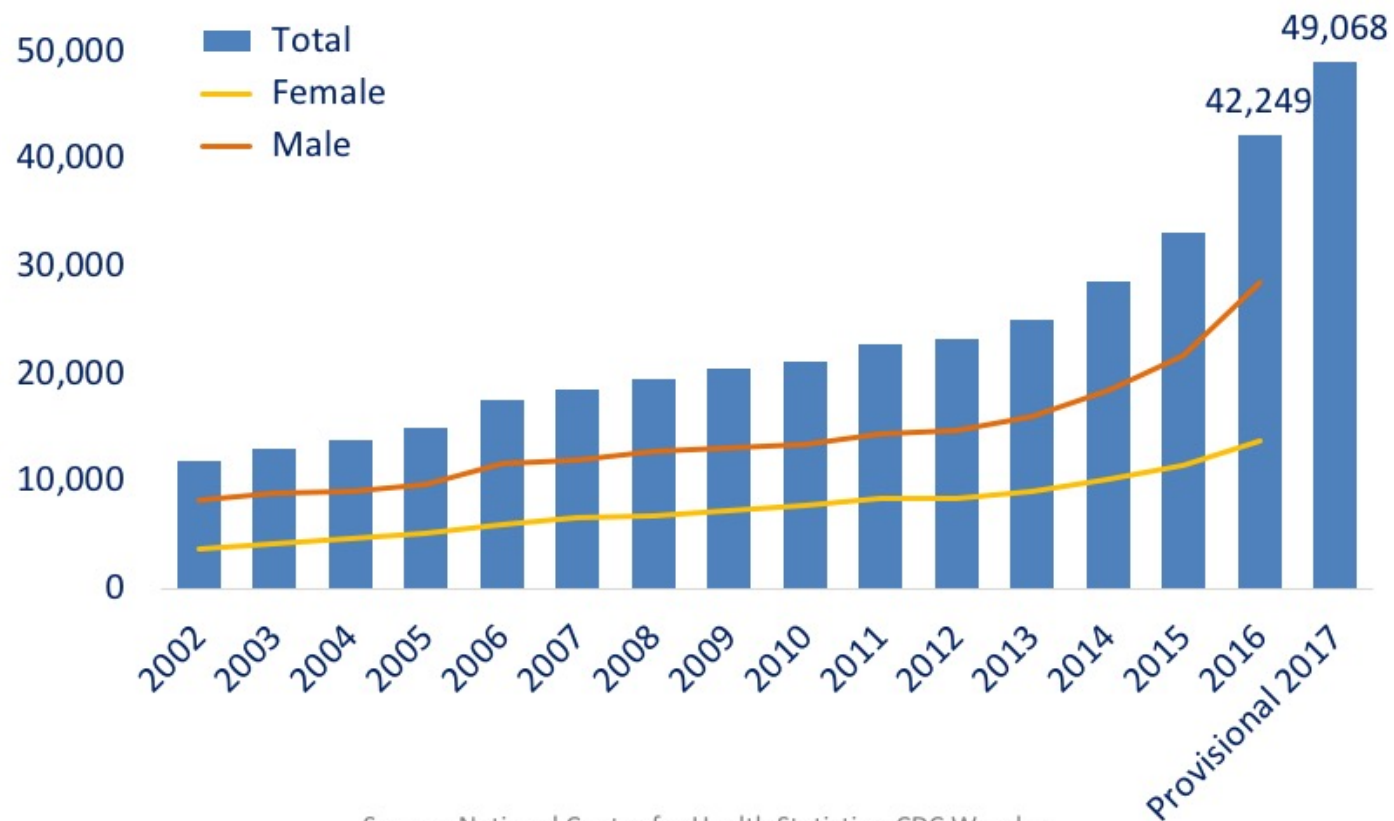


11.1 Million People Aged 12 or Older Who Misused Prescription Pain Relievers in the Past Year



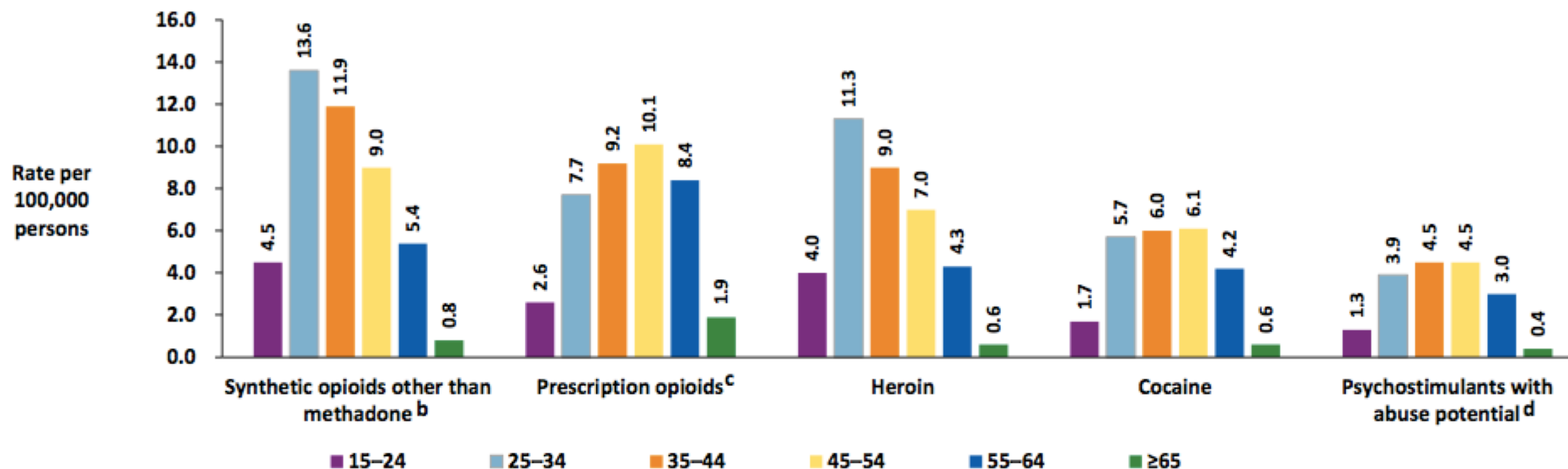
# National Overdose Deaths

## Number of Deaths Involving Opioids

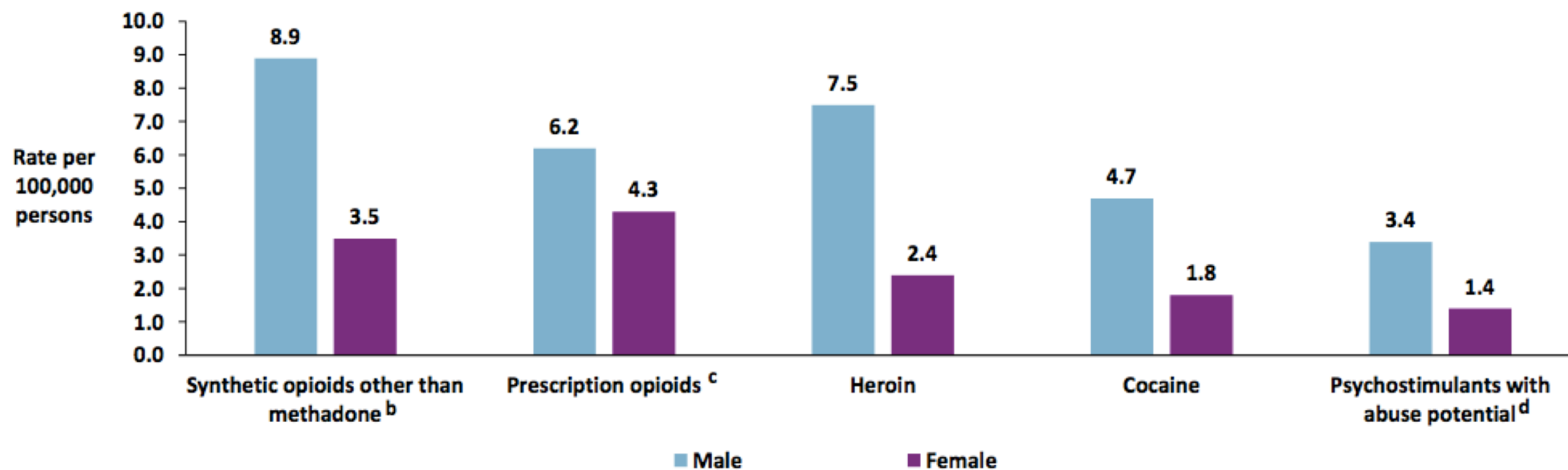


Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder

## Rates<sup>a</sup> of drug overdose deaths by drug or drug class and age group — United States, 2016

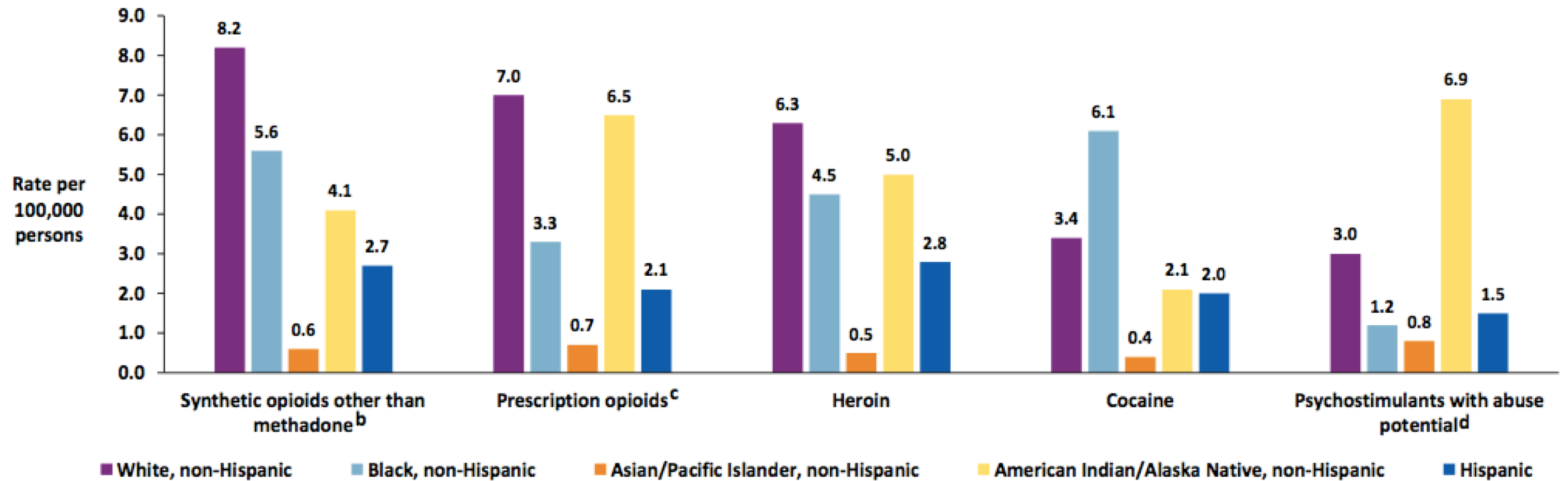


## Age-adjusted rates<sup>a</sup> of drug overdose deaths by sex — United States, 2016





## Age-adjusted rates<sup>a</sup> of drug overdose deaths by race/ethnicity — United States, 2016

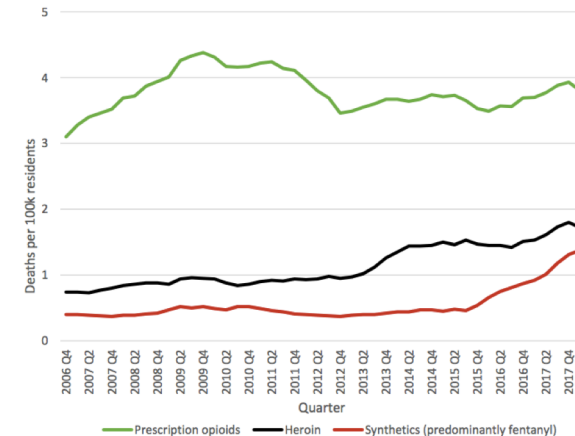




# California Opioid Related State Trends

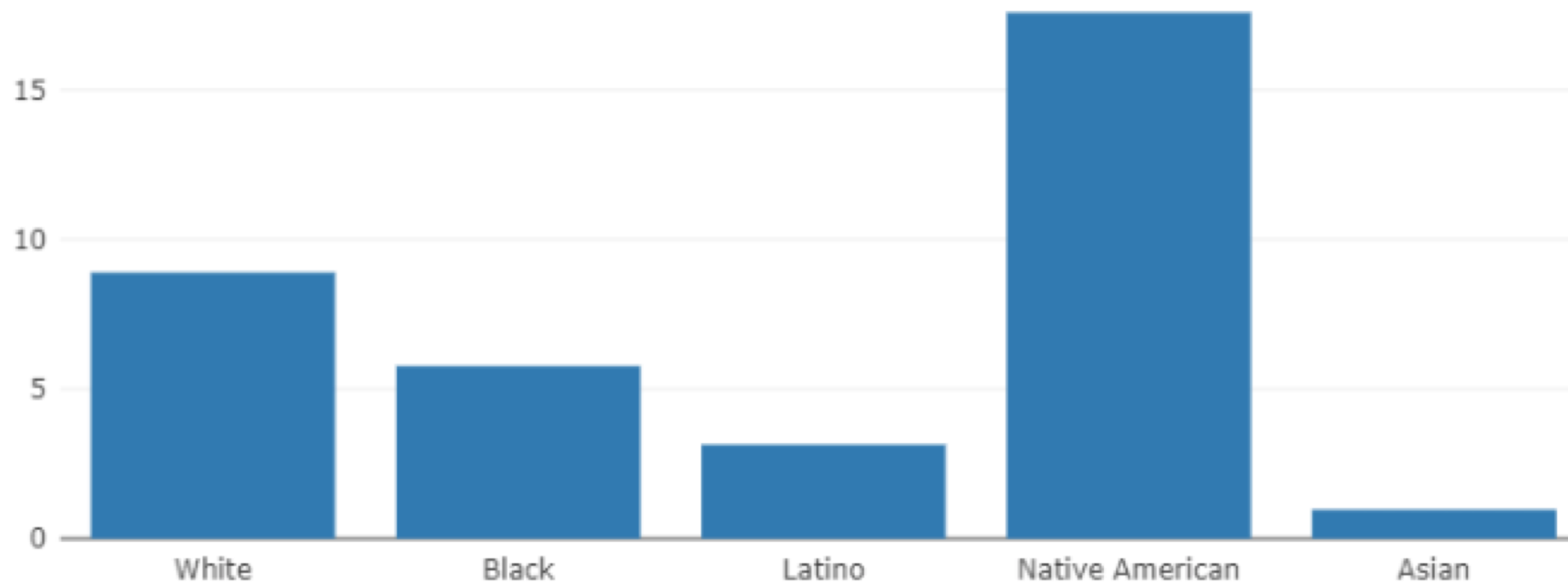
- Prescription deaths peaked in 2009 and have leveled off but remain the most common source of overdose death
  - Heroin overdose deaths accelerated starting in 2013
  - Overdose deaths from synthetic opioids (predominantly fentanyl) accelerated in 2015
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- **In 2017 alone, there were over 2,000 overdose deaths in CA**

Chart 1. California opioid overdose death per 100k residents rate by type of opioid 2006-2017  
(Source: CDPH Vital Statistics via California Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard).



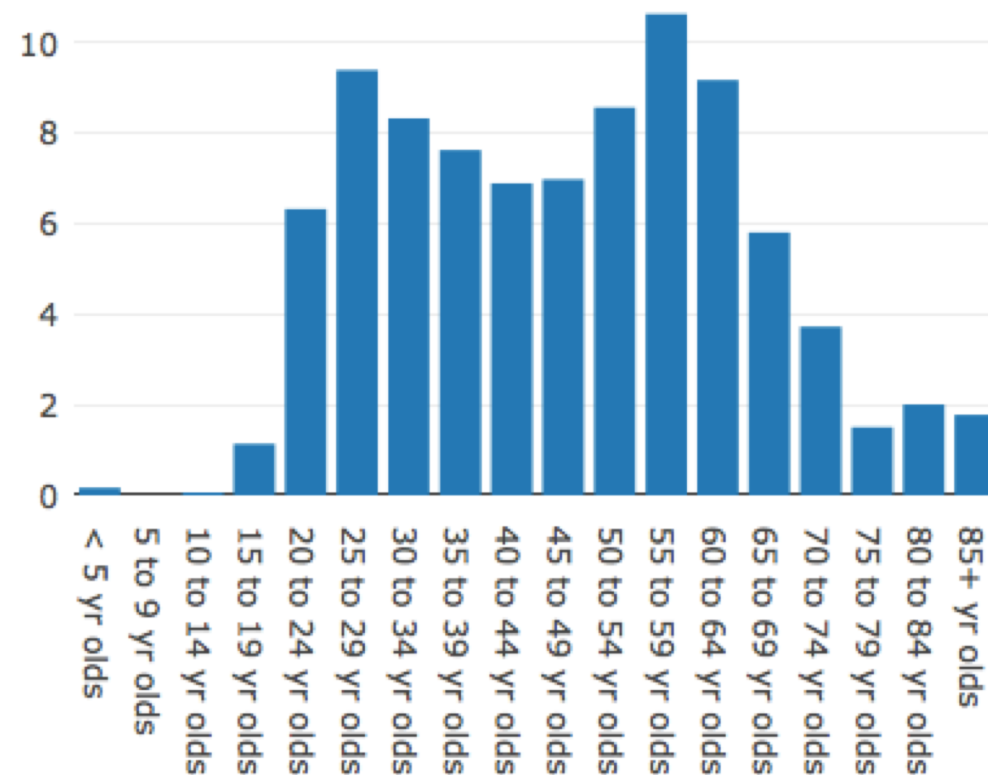
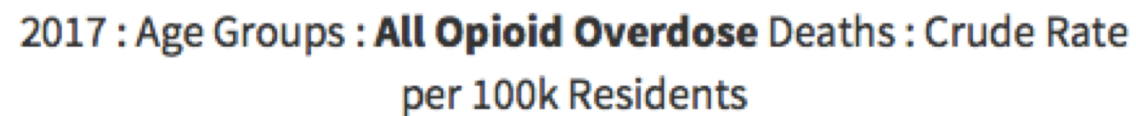
## Image 2. Age-adjusted opioid overdose death rates per 100k residents by race/ethnicity (2017)

2017 : Race/Ethnicity : **All Opioid Overdose** Deaths : Age-Adjusted Rate per 100k Residents



California data

## Residents



# California Opioid Use Disorder Surveillance Dashboard

## California Quick Stats

**2,196**

All Opioid  
Overdose Deaths,  
2017

**429**

Fentanyl Overdose  
Deaths, 2017

**4,281**

Opioid (excl  
Heroin) Overdose  
ED Visits, 2017

**21,787,042**

Opioid  
Prescriptions, 2017

<https://discovery.cdph.ca.gov/CDIC/ODdash/>



Counties with high overdose rates tend not to have narcotics treatment programs

**In California, which race ethnicity has the highest rate of opioid overdose deaths ?**

White

Black

Latino

Native  
American

Asian

# Overdose deaths from which substance accelerated in 2015 ?

Fentanyl

Heroin

Methadone

Oxycodone

# Which age group has the highest opioid overdose death rate in California ?

25-29 years

35-39 years

40-44 years

55-59 years

65-69 years



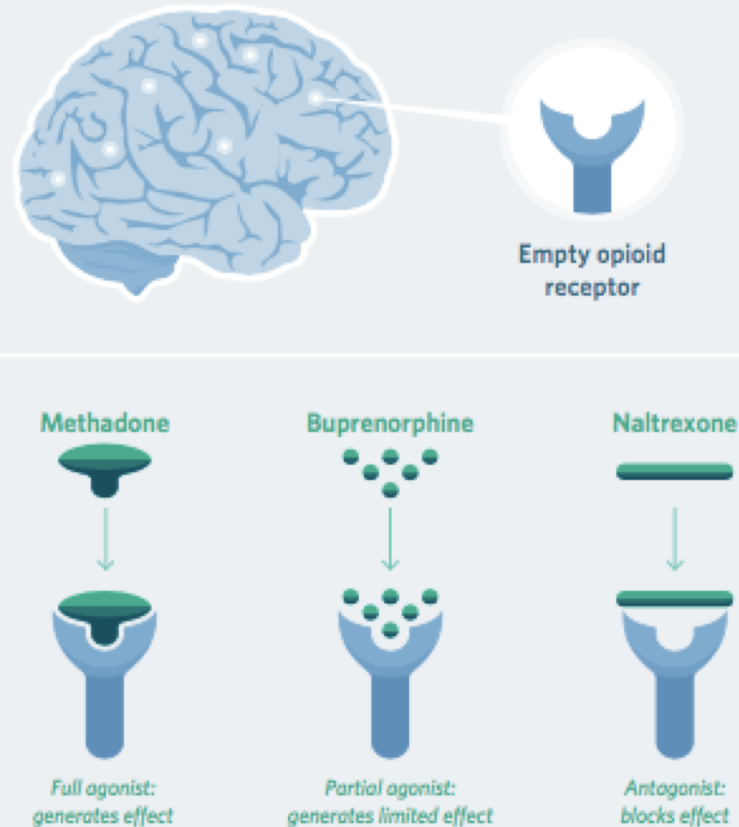
# Diagnosing Opioid Use Disorder: DSM5 Criteria

- Larger amounts over time
- Unsuccessful efforts to reduce use
- Increasing time spent around use
- Cravings
- Failure to fulfill responsibilities
- Social/interpersonal problems
- Activities reduced
- Use in physically hazardous situations
- Continued use despite physical or psychological problems
- Development of tolerance
- Withdrawal symptoms

Severity: **Mild:** 2-3 symptoms. **Moderate:** 4-5 symptoms. **Severe:** 6 or more symptoms

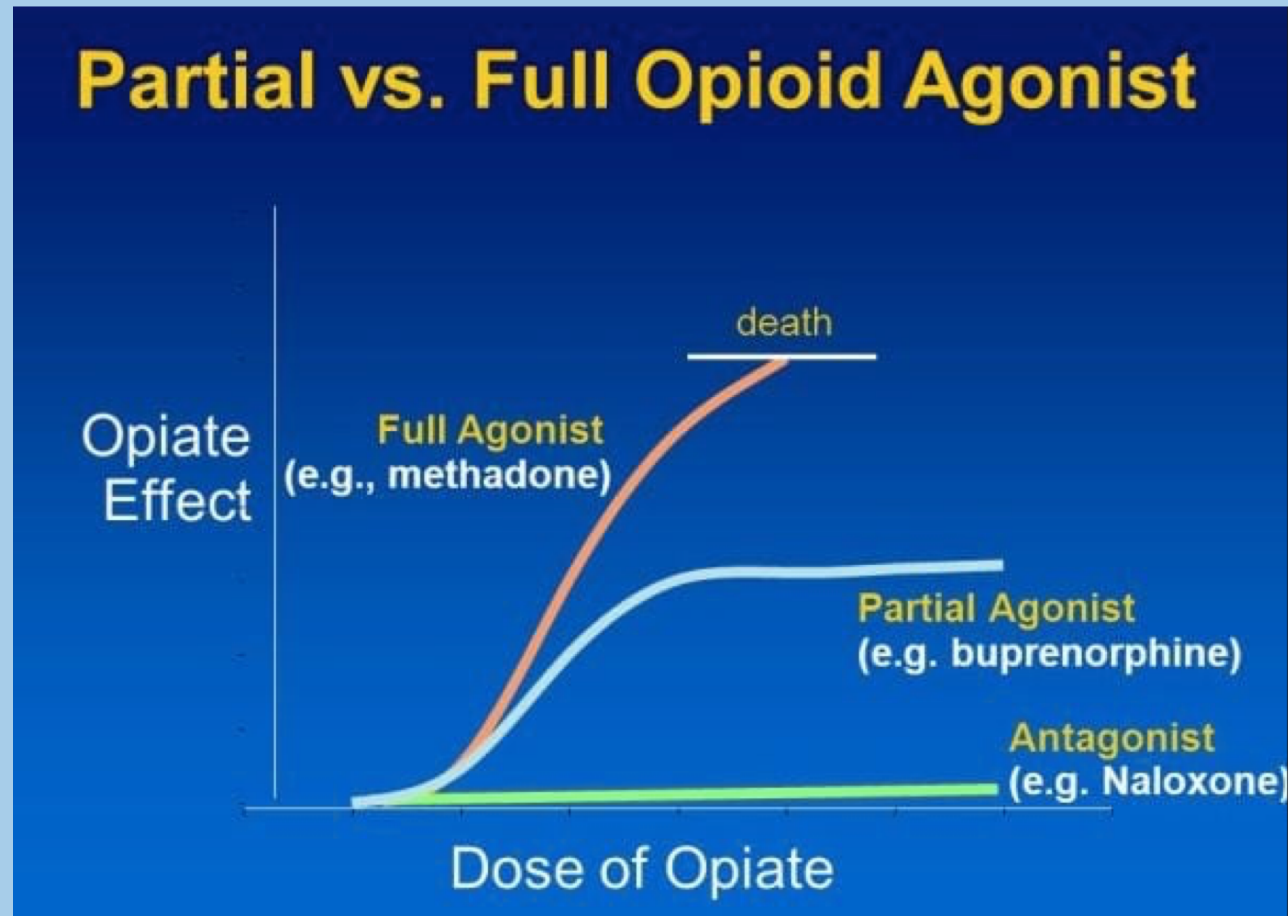
# Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for OUD

Figure 1  
How OUD Medications Work in the Brain



- MAT is an effective treatment among medically eligible and motivated patients
- Agonist maintenance programs decrease mortality by up to 50%, decrease transmission of disease (e.g. HIV and hepatitis), decrease crime, and improve social functioning.<sup>1-4</sup>

# MAT for OUD



- Naloxone is added to buprenorphine to reduce the risk of diversion



**Your patient requests an early refill of "Norcos" for LBP, stating that the current dosage is inadequate; he has been supplementing with narcotics obtained from family. He has tried to cut back but states that he is unable to function without the medication. He is fearful of running out of the medication because he experiences increased pain, agitation and GI symptoms. His partner is concerned that he might have an addiction. Select the most likely diagnosis.**

LBP inadequately controlled

Opioid use disorder: Mild

Opioid use disorder: Moderate

Opioid use disorder: Severe

# Advantages of buprenorphine in the treatment of opioid use disorder include all EXCEPT:

Can be delivered in a primary care office-based setting by a waivered provider

Cost effective when compared to methadone and naltrexone

Effective in the treatment of OUD compared to other medications and no medication

No risk of diversion

# MAT Legislation

- Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA 2000)
  - Authorized physicians to prescribe buprenorphine
  - DEA waiver obtained with 8 hours of training
- Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA 2016)
  - Authorized nurse practitioners and physician assistants to prescribe buprenorphine
  - DEA waiver obtained with 24 hours of training
- Legislative action has successfully increased the number of MAT providers however access still lags behind demand

# Steps to Obtain a DEA Waiver

- Complete a **FREE, ONLINE** buprenorphine waiver training
  - Funded SAMHSA provided through PCSS
  - <https://pcssnow.org/medication-assisted-treatment/>
  - Physicians complete an 8 hour training
  - Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants complete a 24 training
- Submit the certificate of completion to SAMHSA; the DEA waiver is processed in approximately 6 weeks
- You must have an active DEA license to obtain an X waiver however you may complete the waiver training before your DEA number is obtained



# Patient Census Caps and Reporting Mandates

- There is a 30 patient cap during the first year of waived buprenorphine prescribing
- After the first year of prescribing the patient panel may be increased to 100.
- After a year of prescribing to a patient panel of 100, physicians may increase to 275 patients.
- You must keep patient panel documentation
- You must run a CURES report on all patients prior to prescribing buprenorphine

# Best Clinical Practices

- Diagnose an Opioid Use Disorder Using the DSM V criteria
- Establish treatment needs using a standardized assessment tool
  - Treatment Needs Questionnaire (TNQ)
  - OBOT Stability Index
  - ASAM Screening and Assessment Tool
- Provide MAT in accordance with established clinic protocols for induction, stabilization, maintenance, and termination.
- Provide access to behavioral health services
- Provide access to naloxone

# Patient Experience



**In a word, summarize your reaction to this patient's experience with opioid addiction and recovery.**

# Clinician Preparation and Readiness

- Interest in providing treatment for opioid use disorder
- Substance use disorder diagnosis and management training
  - <https://www.asam.org/>
  - <https://pcssnow.org/education-training/>
- X – waiver completion
- Clinical support
  - Practice colleagues
  - PCSS mentor system
  - Clinical Consultant Center Warmline

**Substance Use Warmline**  
**Peer-to-Peer Consultation and Decision Support**  
**6 am – 5 pm PT Monday - Friday**  
**855-300-3595**

# Provider Experience



Produced by Ken Saffier MD  
PCSS mentor

# Please indicate your current level of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) practice for Opioid Use Disorder.

I am a waived provider with a MAT patient panel

I am a waived provider without a current MAT patient panel

I am not a waived provider but I am interested in participating in MAT

I am not interested in participating in MAT at this time

# Community Readiness for MAT

- Community needs assessment
  - CA opioid Surveillance Dashboard:  
<https://discovery.cdph.ca.gov/CDIC/ODdash/>
  - Urban Institute CA counties OUD treatment gaps county fact sheets:  
<https://www.urban.org/policy-centers/health-policy-center/projects/california-county-fact-sheets-treatment-gaps-opioid-agonist-medication-assisted-therapy-oa-mat-and-estimates-how-many-additional-prescribers-are-needed>
- Community support (county health department, hospital, jail)
- Access to Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) treatment facilities
- Pharmacy access to buprenorphine and naloxone



# System Preparation and Readiness

- Staff interested in providing MAT
- Providers with waiver training
- Staff and providers with training in substance use disorders
- Clinic space (exam space, induction room, counseling space)
- Clinic flow
  - Well defined roles and responsibilities
- Billing procedures established

# Please indicate your perception of your current clinical system readiness to provide MAT for opioid use disorder.

My clinical system is currently providing MAT at capacity to meet the community need

My clinical system is currently providing MAT and could benefit from expanded capacity to meet community need

My clinical system is not currently providing MAT but has the capacity and interest to begin a MAT program

My clinical system is not currently providing MAT and is interested in developing a MAT program but first needs to expand capacity

My clinical system is not currently providing MAT and does not intend to develop this clinical service in the near future

**Please indicate in one word your perception of a personal provider or system level challenge to expanding the capacity to provide MAT in your community**

# What can ADOPT provide?

- To meet you/your clinic's needs:
  - Trainings (e.g., webinars, on-site trainings, audits, and reviews)
  - Coaching and consultation
  - Administrative resources (e.g., tips for quality improvement, implementation kits)

# ADOPT Champions

- We are looking for champions – are you interested?!
- Role of the Champion
  - What you get:
    - Training
    - Rewarding experience working with other health care professionals and students
  - What you give:
    - Promote MAT training for clinical preceptors
    - Optimize dissemination and outreach strategies
    - May serve as interventionists
    - Support the spread of system-based practice changes throughout the training clinics

# Implementation Clinics

- We are looking for implementation clinics – is your clinic a good fit?
  - What is an implementation clinic ?
  - What would an implementation clinic need to do ?
- Examples of prior focused quality improvement projects:
  - SBIRT Residency Training and Interprofessional Training Programs
  - NIH SBS and CACHE Training Projects

# Interested?

- If you are interested in becoming a Champion or Implementation Clinic, please contact the project coordinator, Sara Watchko:

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