Just a fraction of people with an OUD received the specialized treatment they needed in 2016.2

The Opioid Epidemic

11.8 million individuals misused opioids in 20161

2.1 million suffered from an opioid use disorder (OUD) in 20161

Treatment Gap

Only 17.5% Get Treatment

Help Close the Treatment Gap

OUD medications (e.g., buprenorphine, naltrexone) can be prescribed by FM physicians. They are effective, but underutilized.2

LEARN MORE about OBOT research

Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Works

OBOT is effective for 50%–80% of patients.3

Learn from Peers Who are Providing OBOT

Considerations compiled from interviews with clinicians who have successfully integrated OBOT into their practices

1 REGISTER for a buprenorphine training and obtain your DATA 2000 waiver.

2 FIND A MENTOR who can guide you through their own experiences. Visit PCSS-MAT to find a clinical coach.

3 IDENTIFY community resources and behavioral health counseling centers for psychosocial services to recommend to your patients.

4 ESTABLISH PROTOCOLS for intake assessment and OUD treatment introduction; consider using the COWS tool to detect withdrawal.

5 FAMILIARIZE yourself with your state’s insurance regulations and Medicaid guidelines.

6 TRAIN STAFF and get their buy-in; schedule weekly treatment team meetings to stay up-to-date on all patients.

LEARN MORE

• Visit Science to Medicine to hear more about how your peers have implemented medication treatment for OUD.

• Learn about Rx medication misuse among teens from this free CME that CAFP helped develop!1

