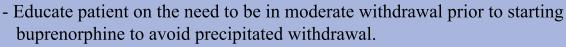
BUPRENORPHINE QUICK START

Not currently physically dependent on opioids. (i.e. individual recently released from incarceration or at a residential treatment program with no recent opioid use)



- Start low and go slow.
- Typical Day 1 dosing: 2mg total daily dose.
- Slow titration (+2-4mg every 3-5 days as tolerated) to achieve opioid blockade and elimination of cravings

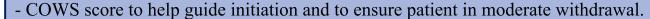
Opioid dependent and not yet in opioid withdrawal



- For persons using fentanyl, recommend last use be at least 24 hrs prior to starting buprenorphine to avoid precipitated withdrawal.
 - Provide anticipatory guidance and medications* for withdrawal management.
- Encourage patient to return to clinic or provide instructions for community initiation when patient is in active withdrawal.



Opioid dependent and in active opioid withdrawal



- For persons using fentanyl, recommend last use be at least 24 hrs prior to starting buprenorphine to avoid precipitated withdrawal.
 - Provide anticipatory guidance and medications* for withdrawal management.
- Typical Day 1 dosing: 2-4mg every 2 hrs, up to max dose of 24mg on day 1.
- If unobserved initiation, review handout (+).



- Maintenance dose should be individualized to achieve opioid blockade and/or elimination of cravings
- Typical maintenance dose: 8-24 mg daily

