

6 PRINCIPLES OF CARE FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS ADDICTION



TRAINING 1

Training about the disease of addiction and its effects on the brain and behavior; importance of intervening with patients with substance use disorder.

2 SCREENING

Screen patients for substance use disorder using the SBIRT protocol.



CONNECTION 3

Connect patients with a nurse, case manager, social worker, or peer recovery coach to access treatment and support services.

4 INITIATE TREATMENT

In eligible patients start medication assisted therapy.

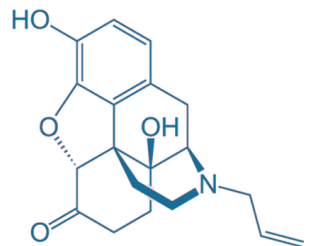


WARM HAND-OFF 5

Make a referral to substance use disorder treatment and assist the patient with attending the initial appointment.

6 NALOXONE

Provide to all patients who screen positive for opioid use disorder a naloxone kit and information about overdose prevention and reversal.



For information, best practices, resources and support, please visit:

www.addictionpolicy.org/hospitaltoolkit