

Title:	Naltrexone				
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POLICY: Behavioral Health Group (BHG) offers naltrexone for the treatment of opioid use disorder and/ or alcohol use disorder. BHG discourages the use of oral and favors the depot formulation in opioid use disorder patients. Naltrexone will never be co-administered (within two weeks) of the last known dose of methadone or buprenorphine. All patients receiving naltrexone must also receive counseling services.

SCOPE: All BHG clinical facilities.

DEFINITIONS:

- Naltrexone: (trade names: ReVia®, Vivitrol®) A mu opioid receptor antagonist medication that is FDA approved in the treatment of opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder.
- Provider: a licensed and credentialed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant with prescribing authority. In the OTP setting the admitting provider must be a licensed physician unless BOTH
 - The Treatment Center has received a SAMHSA waiver allowing its licensed nurse practitioners and/or physician’s assistants to admit patients and initiate/ amend the dose of medication AND
 - No state law or regulation prohibits a nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant from admitting patients or initiating/ amending doses

PROCEDURE:

- 1) All patients will be evaluated for admission in accordance with BHG policy (see Related Policy and Procedures below).
- 2) The *Naltrexone Standard Operating Procedure*, located in HealthDox, should be used to guide the use of naltrexone in BHG patients
- 3) Any naltrexone stocked or stored by BHG must
 - a. Be the responsibility of the pharmacist, or if no pharmacist is on-site, the nursing supervisor
 - b. If stored overnight or longer, be logged in the Naltrexone Log which will be kept in the pharmacy/ medication room and will contain:
 - i. The number of doses ordered
 - ii. The lot number of each dose
 - iii. The expiration data of each dose
 - c. Be checked regularly to ensure expiring or expired medication is not administered to patients
- 4) Any naltrexone stored by BHG must:
 - a. Be stored in accordance with DEA regulations
 - b. Be stored between be kept refrigerated at 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit (2-8 degrees Celsius) in a refrigerator specified for medication storage. If the medication is stored at temperatures above 77 degrees Fahrenheit or unrefrigerated at temperatures between 46-77 degrees Fahrenheit it should not be administered.
 - c. If ordered by prescription, be labeled with the patient’s name, date of birth and BHG ID number

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- 5) Depot naltrexone can only be prepared and administered by an appropriately licensed medical professional.
- 6) For injections, any BHG patient can request a chaperone of their preferred gender. Patients identifying as female must be chaperoned if the provider performing the injection identifies as male.

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Related Policy and Procedures:

Standards:

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