


Center for Healing
Emergency Department
Addiction Pathways (EDAP)
**Treating Opioid Use Disorder with Methadone Algorithm**

**Pt has OUD & interested in MOUD**

**Buprenorphine** → SEE Center for Healing Buprenorphine Algorithm

**METHADONE (MMT)**

**Pt already in MMT/OTP**

PROVIDE PT W/ NALOXONE RX IF BEING DISCHARGED

**Confirm clinic, dose, & time/date of last dose**

Contact pt's OTP

Keep list of local OTP phone numbers for reference

- **NO missed doses** → **Give maintenance dose**
- **Missed dose(s)** → If 1-2 days missed, give pt reg. dose
  If 3–4 days missed, give half pt's reg. dose
  If ≥5 days missed, treat as new start & give 10–30mg
- **Unable to confirm dose** → **Give 10–30mg MMT**

→ **May provide MMT in 3 daily doses up to 72hrs in ED. Refer pt back to MMT clinic.**

**Pt ready to start MMT**

**Excl. Criteria: Severe Liver Disease; hypoventilation; excessive sedation; QTc ≥ 500**

- **NO** → **Give 10–30mg MMT**
  - **DISCHARGE** → Give pt referral sheet w/ next day appt at local OTP* → May provide MMT in 3 daily doses up to 72hrs in ED
  - **ADMIT** → Addiction Med Consult LINK TO APPT
- **YES** → **CONTACT Addiction Med Provider ON CALL**

**Helpful Harm Reduction & Continuum of Care References**

NEXT Distro Online & Mail-Based Harm Reduction Service & Supplies
nextdistro.org

SNJMATCOE Prescriber Resources & Health Communication Resources
snjmatcoe.org

SAMHSA OTP Directory
dpt2.samhsa.gov/treatment

SAMHSA SUD & Mental Health Tx Directories (Comprehensive)
samhsa.gov/find-treatment

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