

Emergency Department Guide: Opioid Use Disorder

Self-Assessment Checklist

Required Element	Status Assessment	Comments
LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Discharge policy in place that		
involves the patient and addresses:		
 Evaluation of the patient's capacity for self-care, patient preferences and patient-designated caregiver 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Identification of post-discharge needs, including referrals to external providers 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Contacting the patient's emergency contact, primary care provider and a peer recovery specialist 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Transfer to another facility that has agreed to accept the patient for substance use care 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Substance use screening policies		
are in place and address screening requirements,		
including compliance with SBIRT training		
requirements:		
 Screening of all patients for potential substance abuse 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Use of evidence-based tools (such as SBIRT) for assessment and early intervention for substance abuse patients 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Meets UDOH requirements for training on opioid use disorder 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Prescribers demonstrate knowledge and medical records reflect implementation of substance abuse screening requirements 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	

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LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Patient education policies define		
the required elements of education:		
1. Before issuing an initial opioid prescription, patients	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
are educated on the following:		
 a. the risks of addiction and overdose associated with opiate drugs 		
b. the dangers of taking opiates with alcohol,		
benzodiazepines and other depressants		
c. the reasons the prescription is necessary		
d. alternative treatments that may be available		
e. the risks associated with the drugs prescribed		
2. Patients prescribed an opioid are educated on:		
a. the risk of dependency and addiction	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
b. methods for proper storage and disposalc. alternative options for pain management		
d. the benefits of and ways to obtain naloxone and		
resources if patient believes that they have a SUD		
3. Prescribers demonstrate knowledge and medical		
records reflect implementation of patient education		
requirements	\square Compliant \square Assistance Requested	
LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Prescribing guidelines and use of		
opioid alternatives are implemented		
1. Policies surrounding opioid prescriptions comply with	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
Utah state law and CDC guidance		
 Opioid alternatives utilized whenever possible 		
 Controlled substance database checked prior to 		
prescribing		
 Lowest dose of short-acting opioids prescribed (no 		
more than seven days)		
 Guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain management 		
2. Review of medicals records demonstrates compliance	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
with Utah state law		

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LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Dispense naloxone for patients		
 who are at risk, according to a clear protocol. 1. Policies surrounding naloxone prescribing and dispensing comply with Utah State law and CDC guidance including: 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Overdose risk is assessed for all patients prescribed an opiate 		
 Opiate antagonists are prescribed or dispensed to either the patient or the family of patients at risk Immunity is established for good faith 		
 administration of opiate antagonists Requires that patients be taught they should seek medical evaluation after experiencing an opiate overdose 		
Medical records demonstrate provider compliance with naloxone prescribing/dispensing	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Offer peer support specialist		
 services in the ED as available. Policies surrounding the use of peer support specialist comply with Utah state law and define the mechanism for accessing these individuals provided they are available in the community. Peer support specialists have completed the approved curriculum and obtained certification through a program certified by the Utah Department of Human Services through the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and met the requirements of R523-5-8 Peer support specialist services, as available, are offered to patients with OUD prior to discharge 	□ Compliant □ Assistance Requested	

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LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Provide active referral to		
 appropriate community providers. 1. Policies define the requirements for referral for community treatment and how to access treatment providers 	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Transitions involve more than just referral Policies also demonstrate attempts to involve engaging the patient's support system and incorporate communicating relevant clinical information and recommendations to the next provider of care 		
 When the patient declines referral, information on contacting a treatment provider is given to the patient 		
Medical records demonstrate compliance with referrals to community treatment	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Comply with Utah requirements		
to report overdoses per Injury Reporting Rule R386-		
703.		
Polices define the requirements for reporting overdoses	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
 Overdose injuries must be reported using appropriate electronic format to submit ED logs to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services 		
 Death certificates must be submitted to the Bureau of Vital Records when the patient dies as a result of the injury or poisoning 		
 Reports must be submitted within 60 days 		
Medical records demonstrate compliance with reporting requirements	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Perform laboratory drug	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
screening that includes fentanyl on all patients who	,	
overdose where testing is available.		

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LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Provide syringe exchange or		
referral.		
1. Patients demonstrating clinical evidence of IV drug	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
use are provided information on syringe exchange		
programs available in Utah		
Medical records demonstrate compliance with law		
LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Use the Utah Controlled		
Substance Database as required by Utah law and		
Administrative Code.		
1. Policies define the requirements for accessing the	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
Utah Controlled Substance Database (CSD)		
Clinicians or designee are required to check the		
CSD when providing opioid prescription to patient		
for the first time or to check the CSD occasionally when recurring prescriptions are provided		
An EHR with the approved connection to the CSD		
or electronic access to the CSD is in place		
Medical records demonstrate compliance with	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
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LEVEL 3 ELEMENT: Develop policies and procedures		
for buprenorphine initiation.		
1. Policies demonstrate compliance with requirements	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
for buprenorphine administration	·	
 Assessment of patient's readiness for treatment is 		
completed prior to initiation of buprenorphine		
Buprenorphine utilized in the ED complies with the		
"three-day rule" and can be used to relieve opioid		
withdrawal symptoms while arrangements are		
made for the willing patient to engage in a		
community treatment program		
 Medical records demonstrate appropriate use of MOUD and referral for inpatient or outpatient 		
treatment		
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LEVEL 2 ELEMENT: Comprehensive assessment of		
SUD using a standardized tool.		
1. Qualified specialists are available or on call to	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
conduct a comprehensive assessment of patients		
with suspected substance use or OUD using an		
approved tool, such as those detailed in the six		
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria dimensions		
Medical record demonstrate completion of a	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
comprehensive assessment by a qualified provider	= compliant = 7.5515tance requested	
LEVEL 2 ELEMENT: Addiction specialists or		
contracted providers able to fully evaluate and		
treat OUD.		
1. The facility has inpatient or outpatient resources	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
available for continued MOUD treatment and	- Compilant - Assistance Requested	
counseling, with a waivered provider		
2. Facility addiction specialists are involved in	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
identification of candidates for MOUD and		
management of patients referred for treatment		
3. Medical records demonstrate involvement of	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
addiction specialists in identification of candidates for	= compliant = 7.5515 tance hequested	
MOUD and referrals to waivered providers in either		
the inpatient or outpatient setting		
LEVEL 1 ELEMENT: Maintains a comprehensive		
program for management of OUD, including MOUD		
1. The facility maintains a program that demonstrates	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
the ability to assess and administer MOUD	Compliant Assistance Beauty	
2. The facility maintains capability to transition patients to/from inpatient and outpatient programs as	☐ Compliant ☐ Assistance Requested	
necessary to provide seamless care during		
stabilization and restabilization		