

Neuroversion

Break the cycle of pain

Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder

Information for Patients

Neuroversion is proud to offer Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder.

MAT is an evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders, including OUD. According to the Surgeon General's 2016 report, *Facing Addiction In America*, MAT "is a highly effective treatment option for individuals with alcohol and opioid use disorders. Studies have repeatedly demonstrated the efficacy of MAT."

The ultimate goal of MAT is full recovery, including the ability to live a self-directed life. This treatment approach has been shown to:

- Improve patient survival
- Increase retention in treatment
- Decrease illicit opiate use and other criminal activity among people with substance use disorders
- Increase patients' ability to gain and maintain employment
- Improve birth outcomes among women who have substance use disorders and are pregnant

FAQs:

Does MAT just substitute one addiction for another?

This is a common misconception. MAT can relieve withdrawal symptoms and psychological cravings that cause chemical imbalances in the body, and provides a safe and controlled level of medication to overcome the use of an abused opioid. When provided at the proper dose, medications used in MAT have no adverse effects on a person's intelligence, mental capability, physical functioning, or employability.

In the words of Dr. Stuart Gitlow, past president of the American Society of Addiction Medicine: "The drug that we're replacing is a dangerous one that will kill you, and we're replacing it with a drug that allows you to go back to work and have money in your pocket and allow you to live normally again."

How often will I have to come to the clinic?

Clinic visit frequency is individualized based on your symptoms, clinical course, and best practice guidelines. At first, you may have to visit the clinic weekly to discuss your progress. Your symptoms, behavior, and circumstances will play a large part in the frequency of your visits. We want you to regain control of your life.

How long will I have to be on MAT?

People may safely take medications used in MAT for months, years, several years, or even a lifetime. We will monitor your condition carefully. If you adhere to the plan, you may remain on MAT indefinitely.

What about employer drug screening, housing restrictions, or other requirements to remain "drug-free"?

MAT involves medication, like insulin for diabetics.

Federal law protects you against discrimination for participating in MAT.

For example, if you are subject to employer drug screening, we can provide documentation for your employer regarding detection of MAT medication in your results.

More information:

[How do medications to treat opioid use disorder work?](#)

[How effective are medications to treat opioid use disorder?](#)

[What treatment is available for pregnant mothers and their babies?](#)