

Why Use Medication When Treating Addiction?

- ✓ Science has proven medication treatment, when combined with other supportive services, is successful in leading patients to live productive, sober lives.
- ✓ Medications are already used to assist with detoxification, however, detox by itself is NOT treatment—it is merely the first step within the treatment process.
- ✓ Opiate addiction is associated with a high rate of relapse. Medication can effectively manage cravings, decreasing potential for relapse.



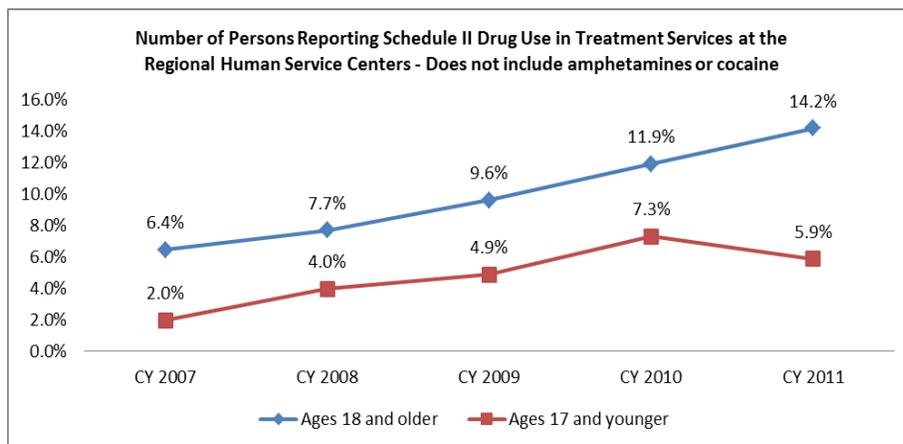
MYTH: Prescribing medication for addiction is substituting one addiction for another.

FACT: When used properly, taking medication to manage the symptoms of addiction is like taking insulin to regulate diabetes.

We receive on average, 50 calls per week requesting opioid treatment services.

- ND Treatment Provider

The number of people in treatment at ND Human Service Centers reporting prescription drug abuse is increasing.



TEDS

**There are many paths to recovery from addiction.
Using medication is one of many tools to achieve sobriety.**

MEDICATIONS USED TO TREAT OPIOID ADDICTION

Buprenorphine (Subutex, Suboxone)

- Less risk for overdose and withdrawal effects when compared to Methadone
- Delivered in a doctor's office

Methadone (Methadose, Dolophine)

- Reduces cravings and prevents withdrawal symptoms
- Monitored in specialized opiate treatment programs

Naltrexone (Depade, ReVia, Vivitrol)

- Prevents feeling the effects of a drug
- Prescribed as an oral medication or by monthly injections



POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF OPIOID ABUSE

- ↑ Increase in heroin use
- ↑ Increased needle use
- ↑ Increased rates of HIV/AIDS
- ↑ Increase in crime

DID YOU KNOW...

Opioid treatment is provided by medical doctors in a medical setting.

The number of **calls to North Dakota poison centers related to prescription drug abuse has doubled** from 2005 (113) to 2012 (228).

Hennepin Regional Poison Center