# SUBOXONE ADMINISTRATION

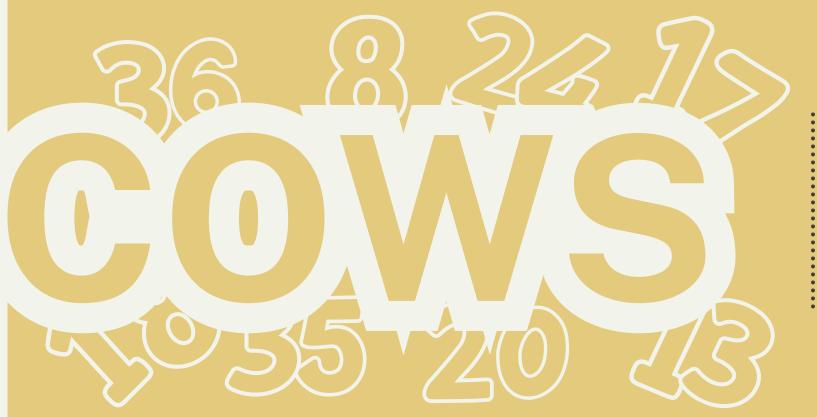


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### Call OMC for BHP consultation prior to administration.

- √ Confirm eligibility and safety
- ✓ Prevent precipitated withdrawal



## Assess and document Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS).

- √ Record COWS before first dose
- √ Reassess and record COWS after each treatment
- ✓ Note subjective change: 'feels better/worse' on ACR

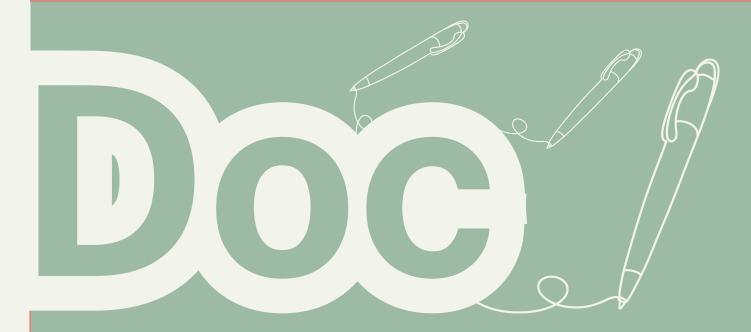


#### Identify the available resources.

Buprenorphine/naloxone (SL/BUC):

- √ Initial 16 mg
- √ If needed after 10 min, give +8 mg
- ✓ Max 24 mg cumulative dose Eligibility: naloxone given for this episode AND COWS ≥ 8.

If you suspect opioid withdrawal due to abstinence, consult BHP to consider Suboxone even if naloxone has not been given.



### **Chart clearly on the ACR:**

- ✓ Patch details (time, BHP ID), COWS pre/post
- √ Total dose(s) and timing
- ✓ Patient-reported symptoms and changes (better/worse

DO NOT ADMINISTER

if allergy/sensitivity to buprenorphine OR methadone within 72 h.

Patch for advice if uncertain.



