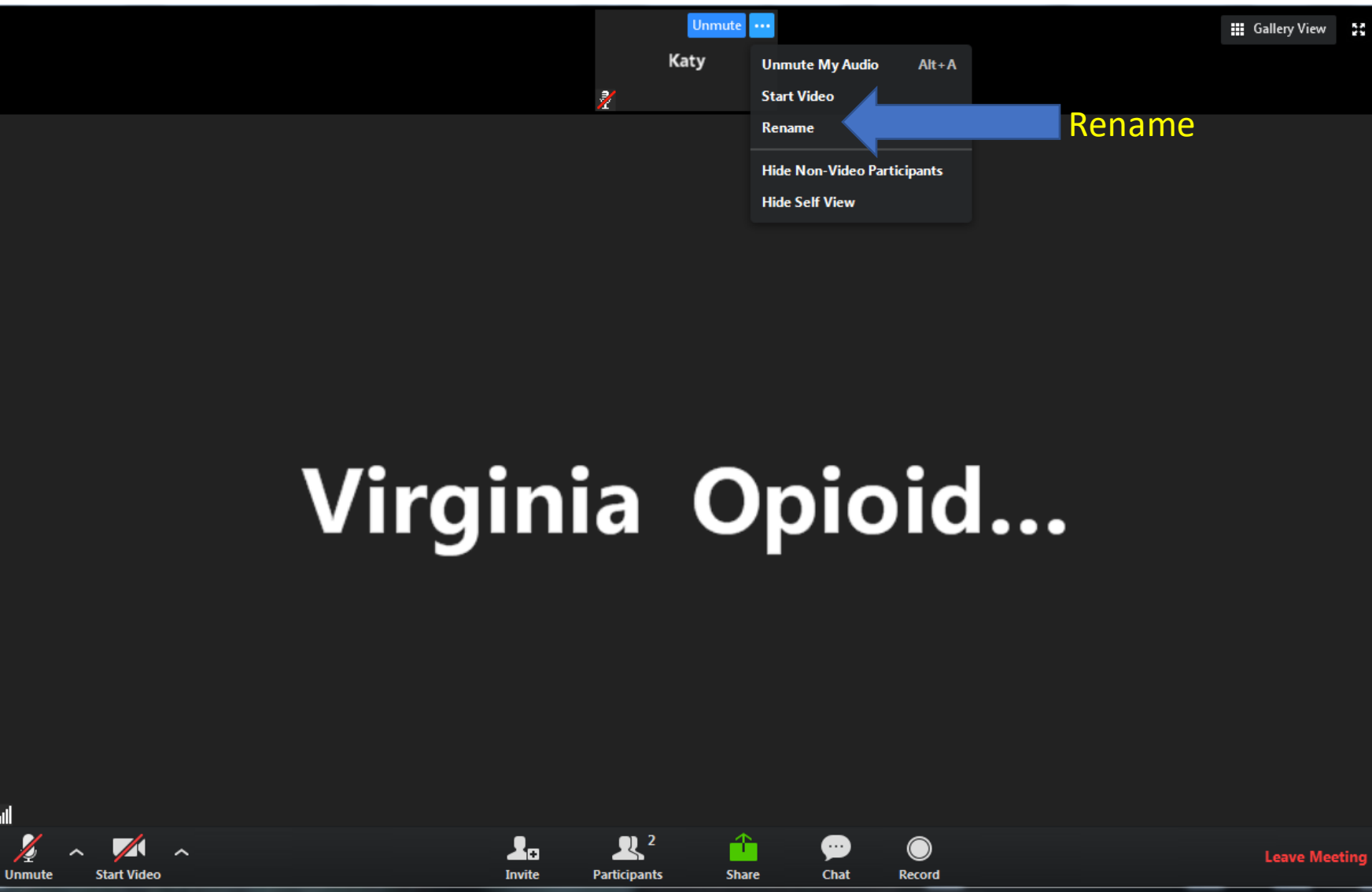


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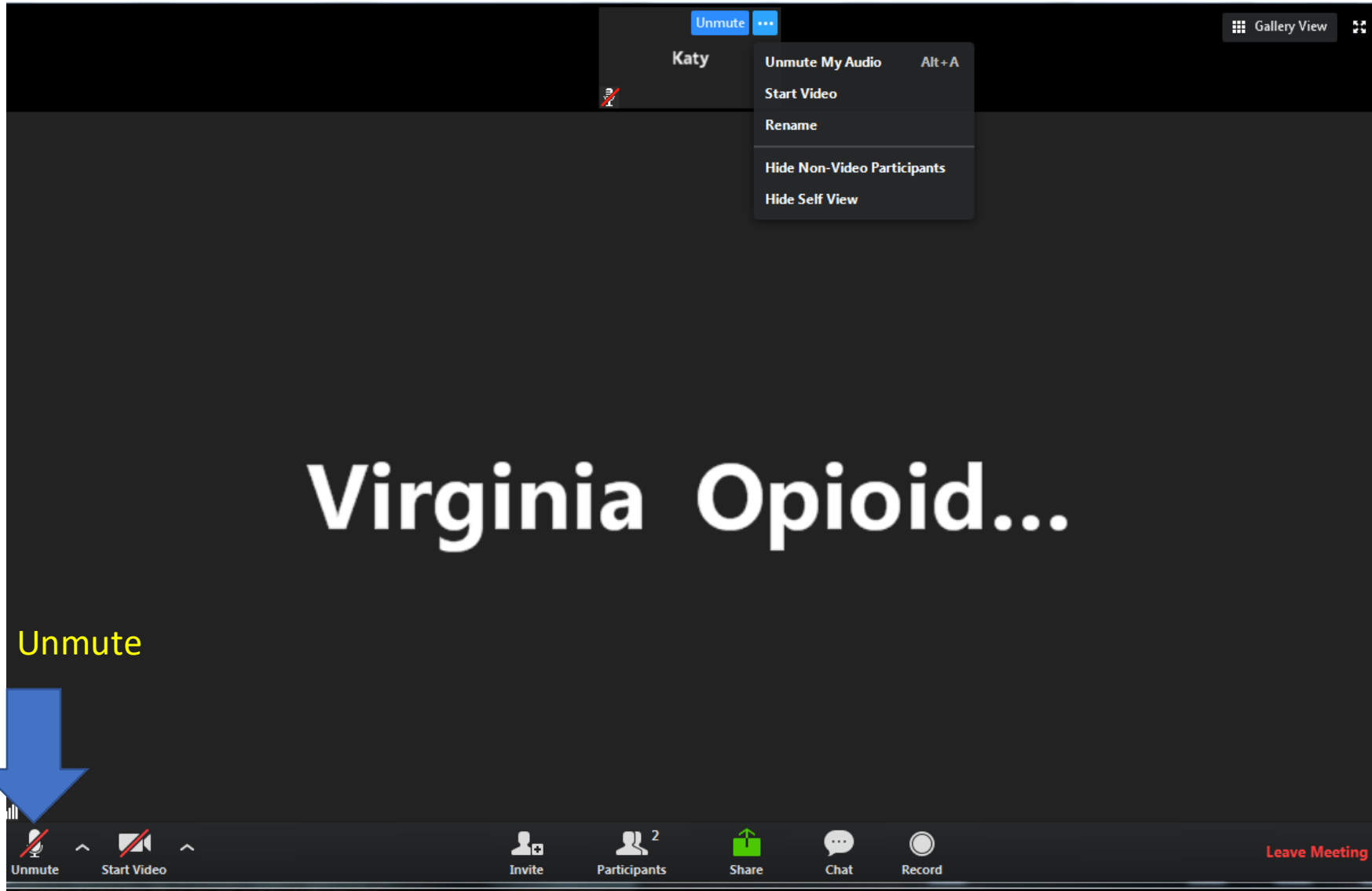
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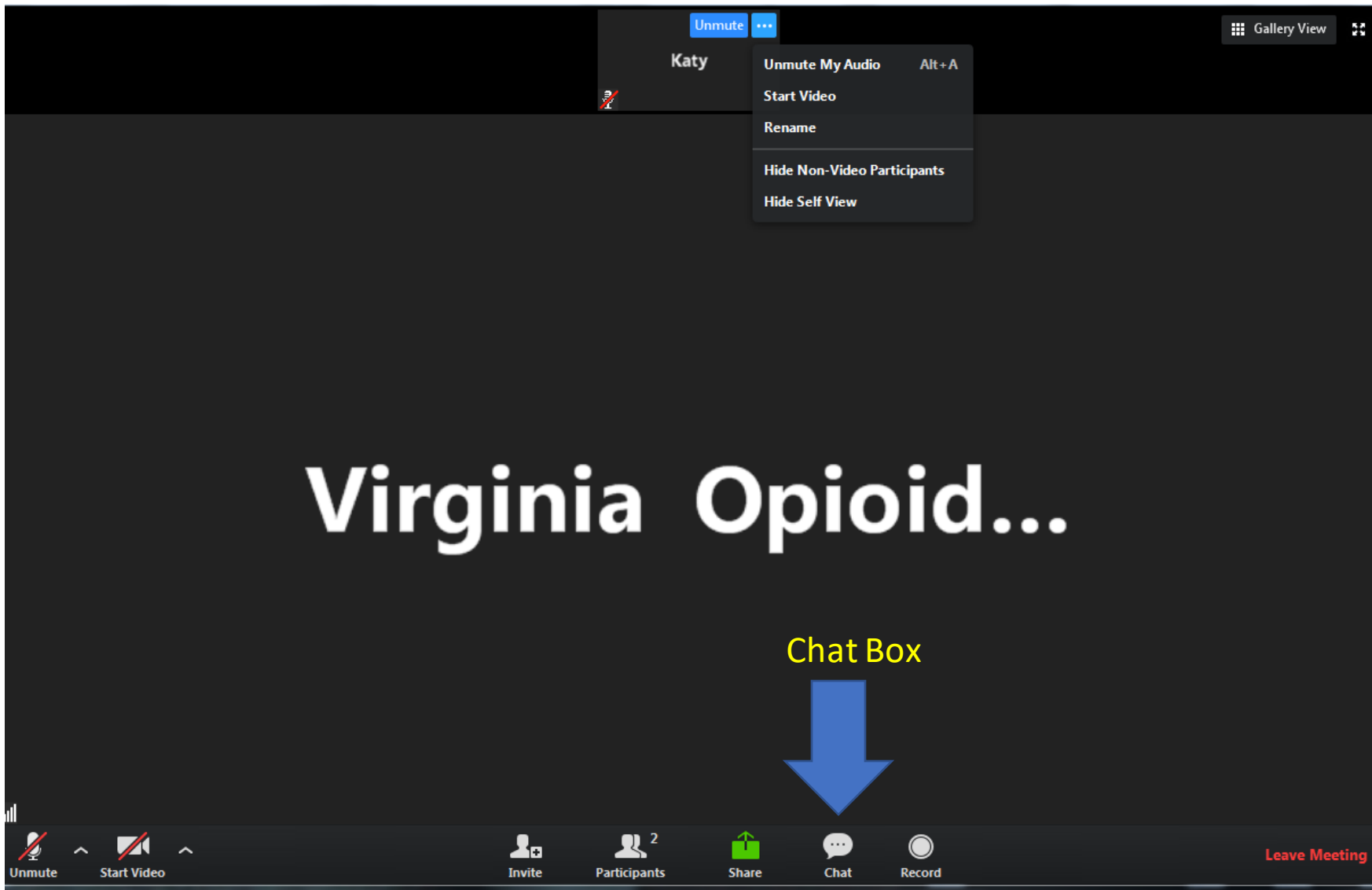
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- I. Didactic Presentation
  - I. Brandon Wills, DO**
- II. Case presentations
  - I. Case 1
    - I. Case summary
    - II. Clarifying questions
    - III. Recommendations
- III. Closing and questions

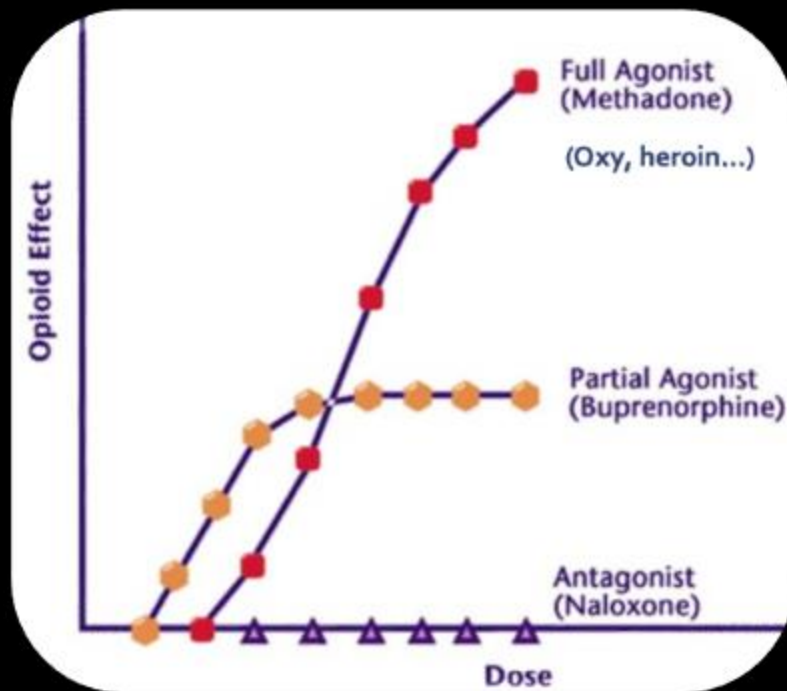


**Lets get started!**

Didactic Presentation



# *Buprenorphine Macrodosing*



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# Disclosures

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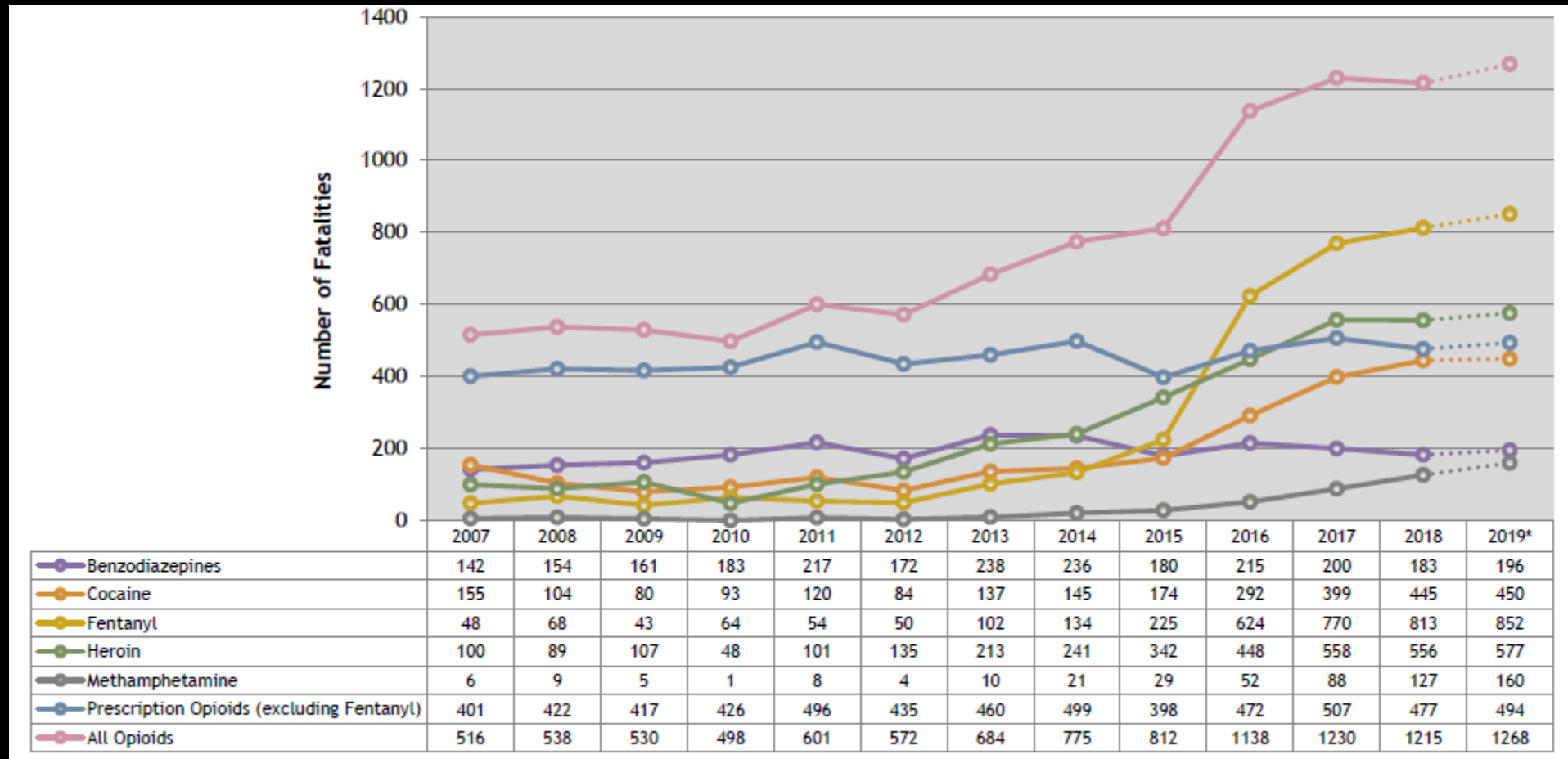
# Objectives

- Distinguish dosing strategies for buprenorphine induction
- Discuss why we “need” alternative induction strategies
- Summarize literature on using higher dose buprenorphine (macro dosing)

# *Traditional* Buprenorphine Induction

- 2-4mg Q 2h
- Potential problems with this approach?

# The Rise of Fentanyl



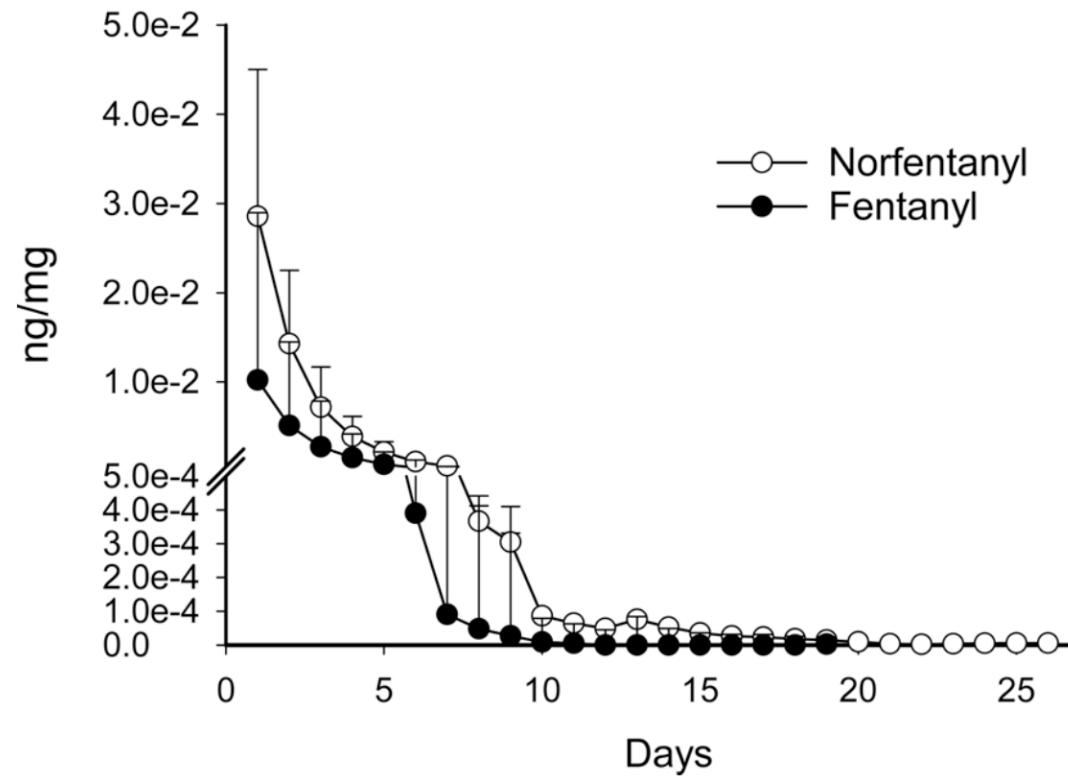


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# Drug and Alcohol Dependence

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## Fentanyl and Norfentanyl Elimination



ns with opioid use disorder

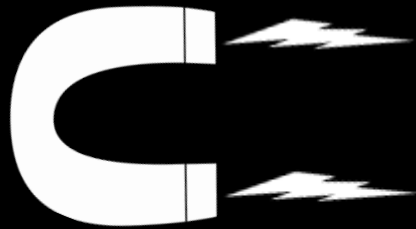
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Fentanyl Elimination:  
Single use  $\approx$  3 hrs  
Daily use  $\approx$  7 days

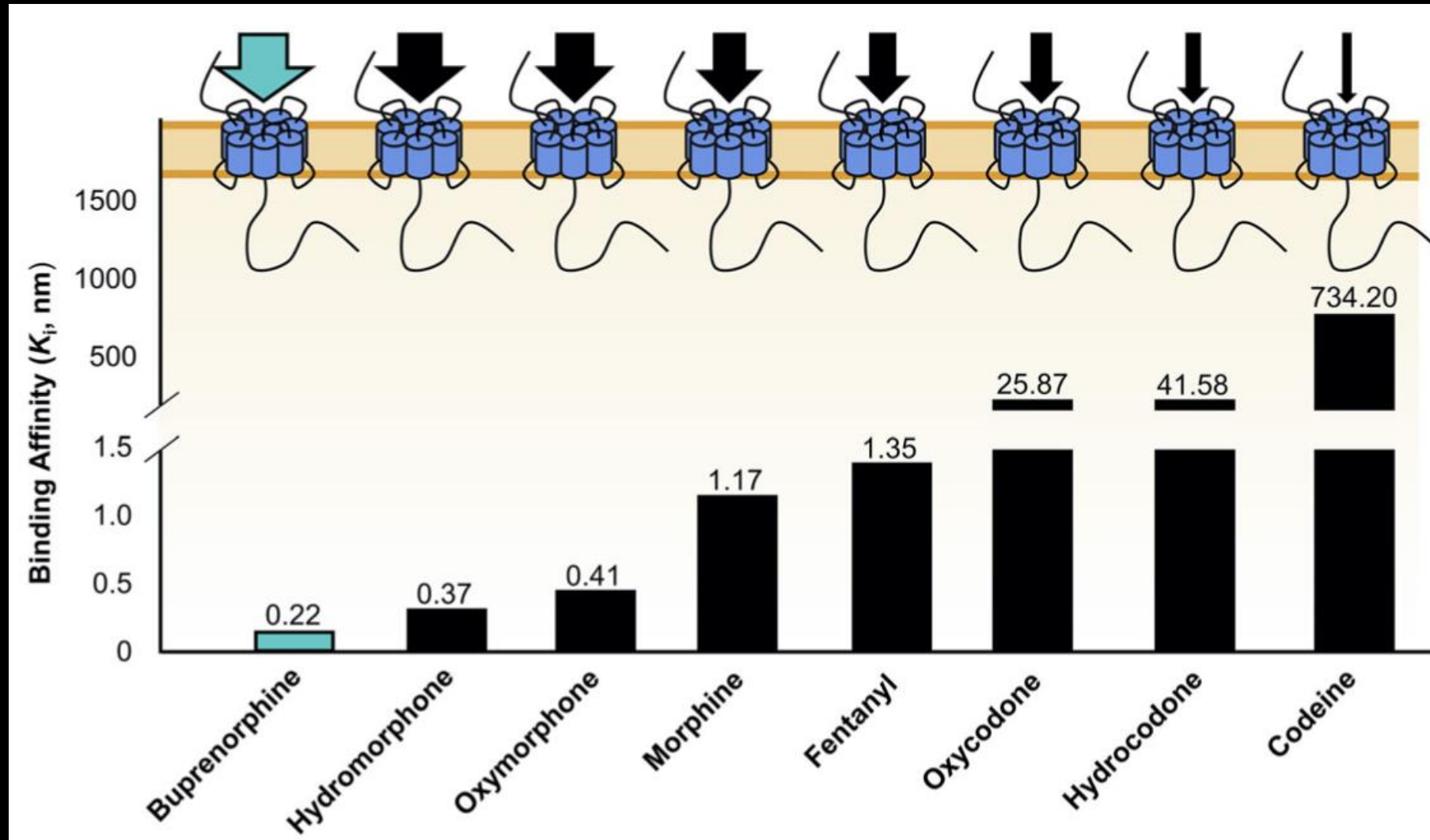
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# $\mu$ -opioid Receptor

Affinity vs Potency

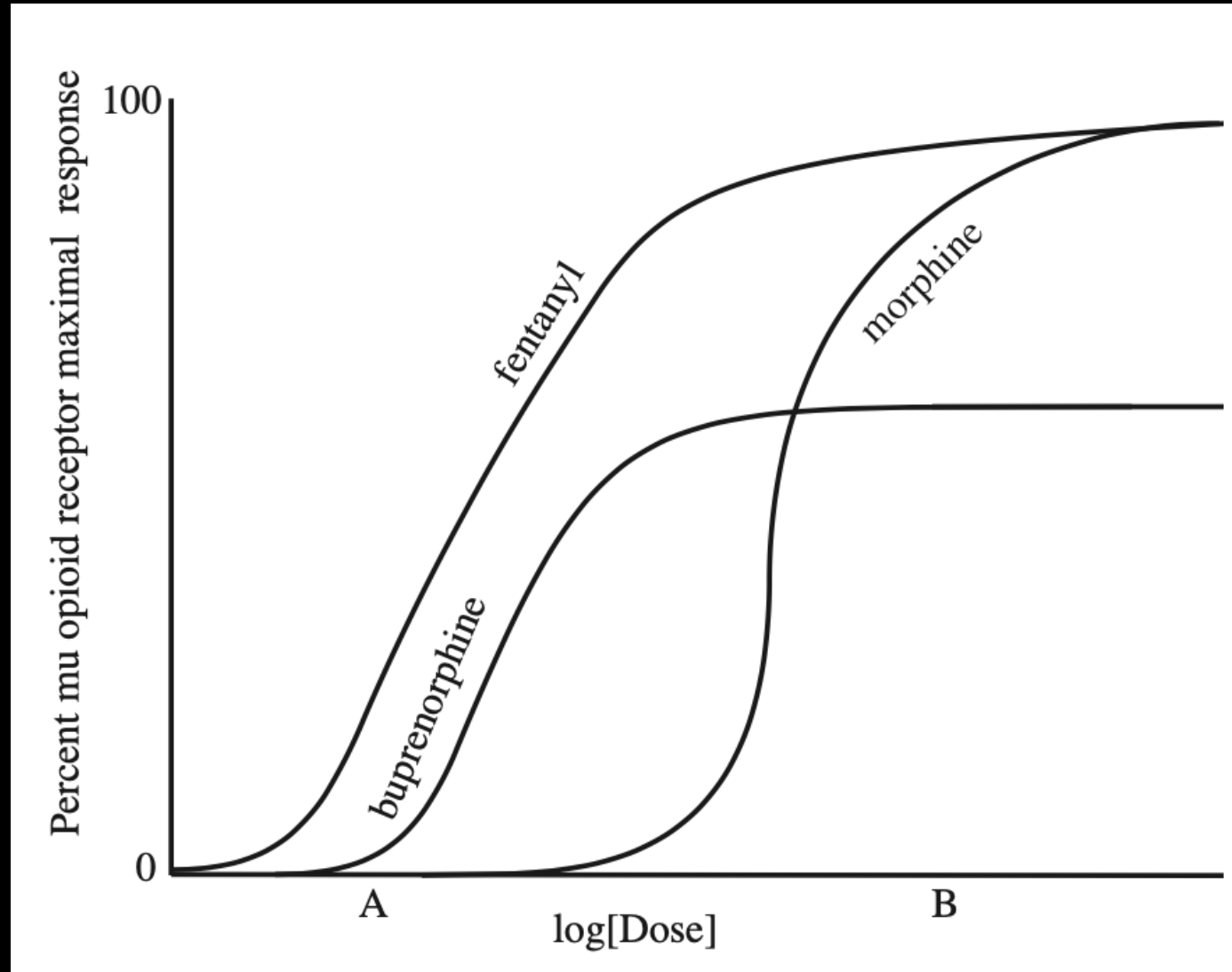


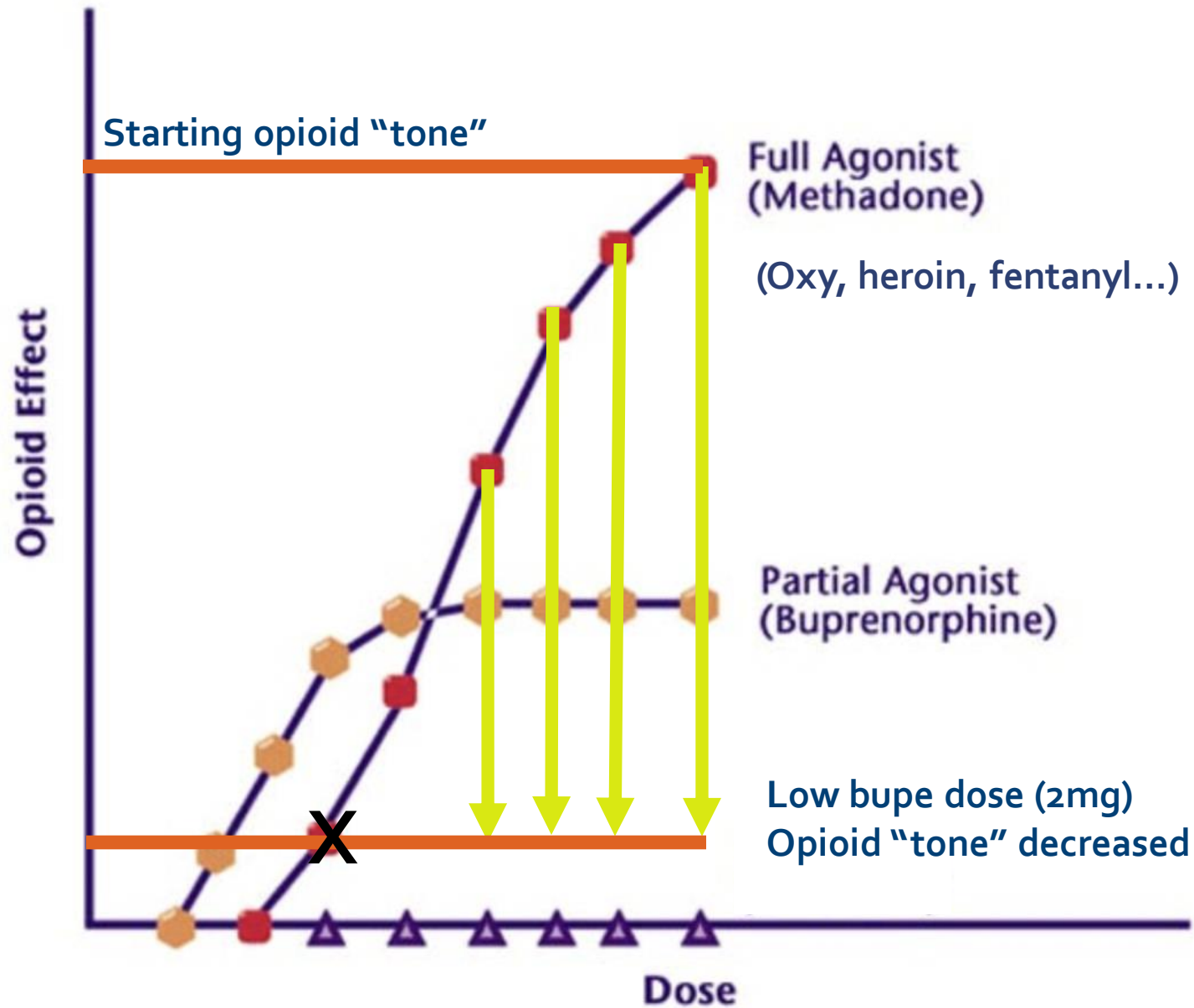
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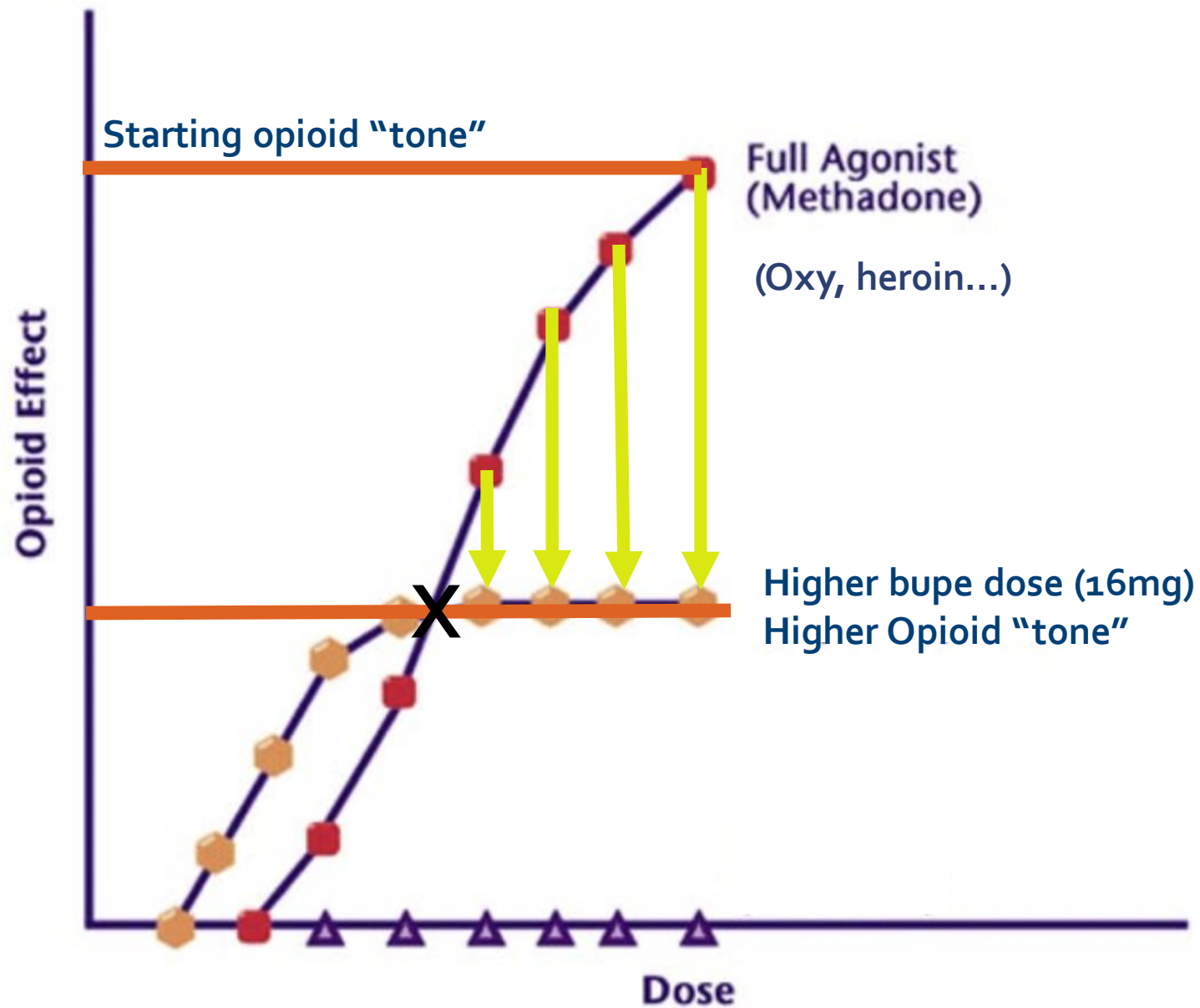




# Potency







# Goals of Buprenorphine Pharmacotherapy

- Abort withdrawal/ cravings
- Stop other opioid use
- Harm reduction in other domains...
- Avoid precipitating withdrawal
- Avoid adverse drug effects of buprenorphine

# Microdose induction

- Useful for inpatients actively treated w/ full agonists
- Limited use in the outpatient setting

Day	Buprenorphine Dose (SL)
1	0.5 mg QD
2	0.5 mg BID
3	1 mg BID
4	2 mg BID
5	4mg BID
6	8 mg QD
7	8 mg am, 4mg pm
8	12 mg (stop full agonist)

# Macrodose induction

- ~~2-4mg Q 2h~~
- ~~Max day 1 dose: 16mg~~
- ~~Max day 2 dose: 24mg~~

- Start with higher doses (8-16 mg)
- Escalate quickly (Q 30-60 min)
- Max doses ~32 mg

**Macro**dosing buprenorphine

# Macro dosing: Risks v Benefits

## Potential Benefits

- Faster induction
- ↓ risk of P.O.W
  - Receptor saturation
  - Reduce withdrawal sx

## Potential Risks

- ADR of high-dosing
  - Concurrent benzo's
  - Pregnancy
  - Transitioning from methadone
  - Concomitant medical co-morbidities



# Evidence for using **macro**dosing?

I. Risk of respiratory depression?

II. Treatment of precipitated withdrawal?

III. Induction efficacy?

# High-dose Buprenorphine

I. Risk of respiratory depression?

II. Treatment of precipitated withdrawal?

III. Induction efficacy?

# Does High-Dose Buprenorphine Cause Respiratory Depression?

Possible Mechanisms and Therapeutic Consequences

*Bruno Mégarbane,<sup>1,2</sup> Raymond Hreiche,<sup>1</sup> Stéphane Pirnay,<sup>1,3</sup> Nicolas Marie<sup>1</sup> and Frédéric J. Baud<sup>1,2</sup>*

## Review article

- Suggests most buprenorphine deaths are misuse/ co-ingestants
- Likely drug synergy (eg. benzodiazepines)

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Effect of sustained high buprenorphine plasma concentrations on fentanyl-induced respiratory depression: A placebo-controlled crossover study in healthy volunteers and opioid-tolerant patients

Laurence M. Moss<sup>1,2</sup>, Marijke Hyke Algera<sup>2</sup>, Robert Dobbins<sup>3</sup>, Frank Gray<sup>3</sup>, Stephanie Strafford<sup>3</sup>, Amy Heath<sup>3</sup>, Monique van Velzen<sup>2</sup>, Jules A. A. C. Heuberger<sup>1</sup>, Marieke Niesters<sup>2</sup>, Erik Olofsen<sup>2</sup>, Celine M. Laffont<sup>3</sup>, Albert Dahan<sup>2</sup>, Geert Jan Groeneveld<sup>1,2\*</sup>

## Randomized, single-blind, crossover

- 14 opioid naïve + 8 opioid tolerant (> 90 MME)
- IV Bupe vs IV placebo → 4 escalating doses IV fentanyl
- Primary outcome: apnea & minute ventilation ( $V_E$ )

**Table 2. Number and percentage of participants who experienced apnea that required stimulation (i.e. persistent)**

Part A: Healthy Volunteers					
Fentanyl Dose	Fentanyl Dose Number	Placebo for 0.2 ng/mL (N = 6)	Buprenorphine 0.2 ng/mL (N = 6)	Placebo for 0.5 ng/mL (N = 6)	Buprenorphine 0.5 ng/mL (N = 6)
0.075 mg/70 kg	1	0/6 (0)	0/6 (0)	0/6 (0)	0/6 (0)
0.15 mg/70 kg	2	1/6 (17)	0/4 (0) <sup>b</sup>	0/6 (0)	0/6 (0)
0.25 mg/70 kg	3	2/2 (100) <sup>b</sup>	2/4 (50)	3/4 (75) <sup>b</sup>	1/6 (17)

Part B: Opioid-tolerant Patients		
Fentanyl Dose Number	Placebo (N = 8)	Buprenorphine <sup>a</sup> (N = 8)
1	0/8 (0)	0/8 (0)
2	2/8 (25)	0/8 (0)
3	1/6 (17)	0/8 (0)
4	3/4 (75) <sup>b</sup>	0/8 (0)

### Main Results:

- Fentanyl reduced  $V_E$
- Bupe attenuated reduction in  $V_E$
- Presence of bupe was not fully protective

# High-dose Buprenorphine

I. Risk of respiratory depression?



II. Treatment of precipitated withdrawal

III. Induction efficacy?

*Case reports*

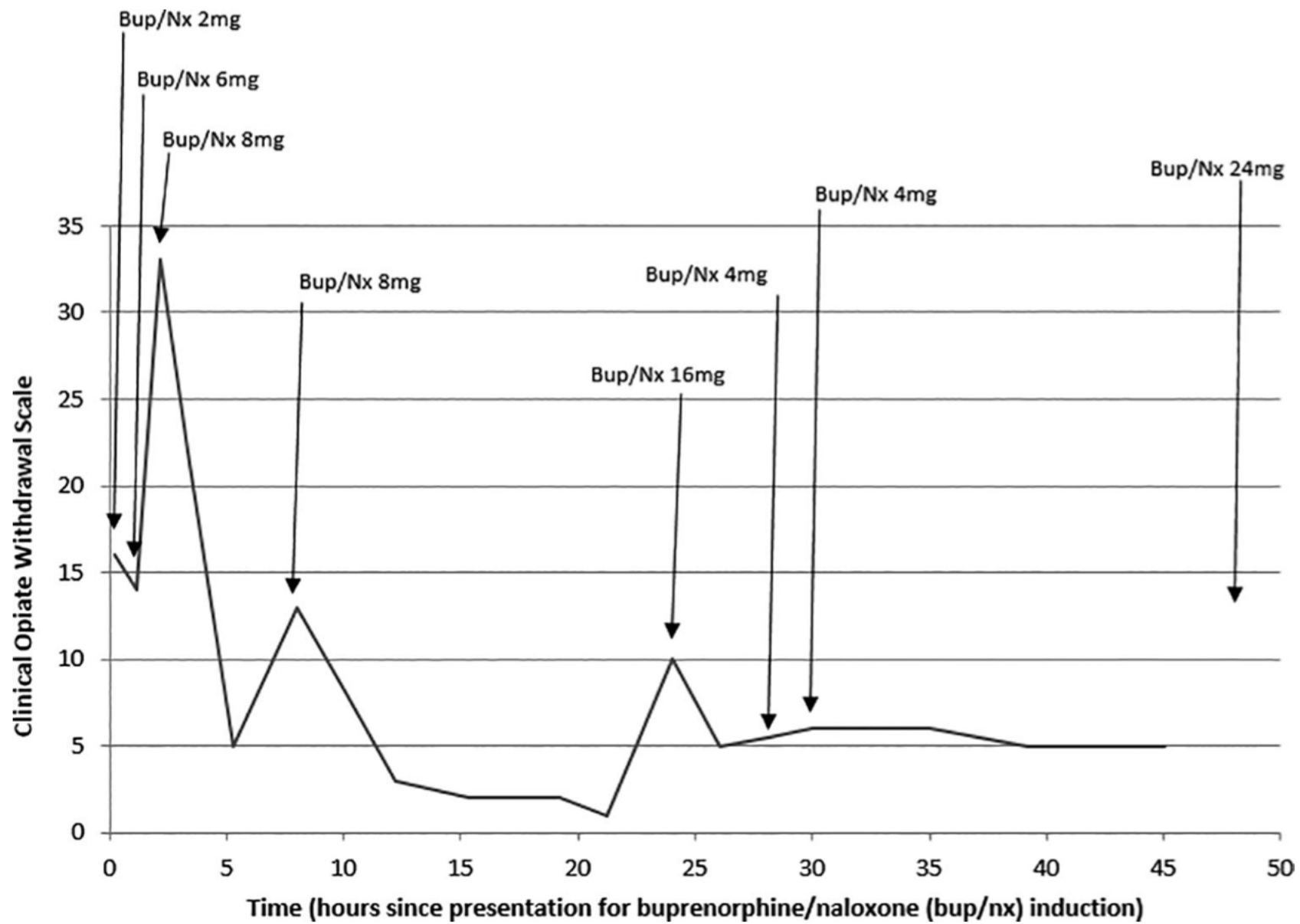
**BRIEF REPORT**

**Managing opioid withdrawal precipitated by buprenorphine with buprenorphine**

BRIDGET OAKLEY<sup>1</sup> , HESTER WILSON<sup>1,2</sup> , VICTORIA HAYES<sup>1,2</sup> & NICHOLAS LINTZERIS<sup>1,3</sup> 

Single case report:

- Pt with OUD reported heroin use 29 hrs earlier
- COWS 16 → 2mg bupe → COWS 14 → 6mg bupe → COWS 33
- Improvement after 16mg. Day 1= **24 mg bupe**
- Later reported taking 10 mg methadone < 1 week prior to induction





## Case Report

# A case of buprenorphine-precipitated withdrawal managed with high-dose buprenorphine

Thomas H N Quattlebaum<sup>a,\*</sup>, Miki Kiyokawa<sup>b,c</sup> and Kayla A Murata<sup>a</sup>

### Single case report:

- Pt with OUD, daily oxycodone > 70 mg (Oxy ER 20 mg TID + IR prn)
- Home induction
- 17 hours after last oxy ER, began bupe induction, 4 mg → 30 min later = worse
- Serial doses up to 16 mg → worse → to the ER (COWS 25)
- Better after total **day 1: 20 mg**
- Discharged the following day on 20 mg QD
- 5 months later, still doing good with 16 mg daily

# High-dose Buprenorphine


I. Risk of respiratory depression?

II. Treatment of precipitated withdrawal

III. Induction efficacy? *Case reports*

BRIEF REPORT

**High-dose buprenorphine for treatment of high potency opioid use disorder**

MARLON DANILEWITZ<sup>1,2</sup>  & MARK McLEAN<sup>1,3</sup>

29 y/o woman with OUD, non-pharmaceutical fentanyl

Inpatient treatment, initial COWS 14

- Day 1 bupe= 16 mg (end of day COWS 12)
- Day 2 bupe= 30 mg (end of day COWS 5)
- Day 3 bupe= 32 mg (end of day COWS 2)
- Day 4 bupe= 40 mg (end of day COWS 3)
- Day 5 bupe= 40 mg (discharge dose)

# Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Attributed to Fentanyl With High-Dose Buprenorphine *A Case Report*

- 29 y/o hx of OUD x 9 years
- Non-pharmaceutical fentanyl (1,350 MME)
- 30 hours post-exposure, COWS 13
- 32 mg bupe needed to control WD and cravings

*Journal of Clinical Psychopharmacology* • Volume 41, Number 1, January/February 2021

**TABLE 1.** COWS Scoring, Total Daily Dosing of Buprenorphine/Naloxone, and Adjunctive Therapies

Day	COWS, AM	COWS, PM	Buprenorphine/Naloxone, Total Daily Dose, mg	Baclofen 10 mg PRN, No. Doses	Clonidine 0.1 mg PRN, No. Doses
0	13	12	8	3	2
1	6	5	8	1	2
2	9	2	8	3	2
3	15	8	20	3	2
4	9	7	20	3	3
5	9	3	24	2	1
6	3	6	24	2	2
7	3	3	32	0	1
8	1	3	32	1	1
9	0	1	32	0	0
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# High-dose Buprenorphine

I. Risk of respiratory depression?

II. Treatment for precipitated withdrawal

III. Induction efficacy? *Case Series/Studies*

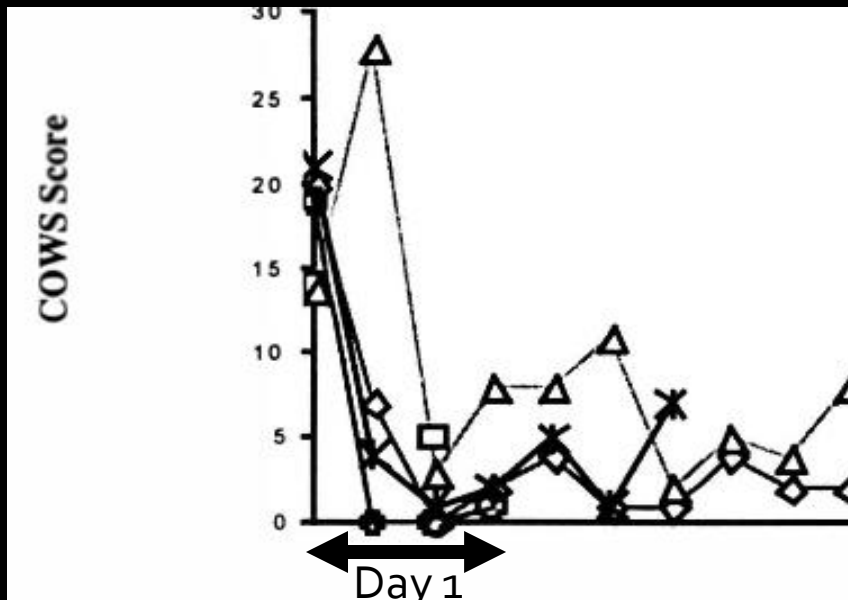


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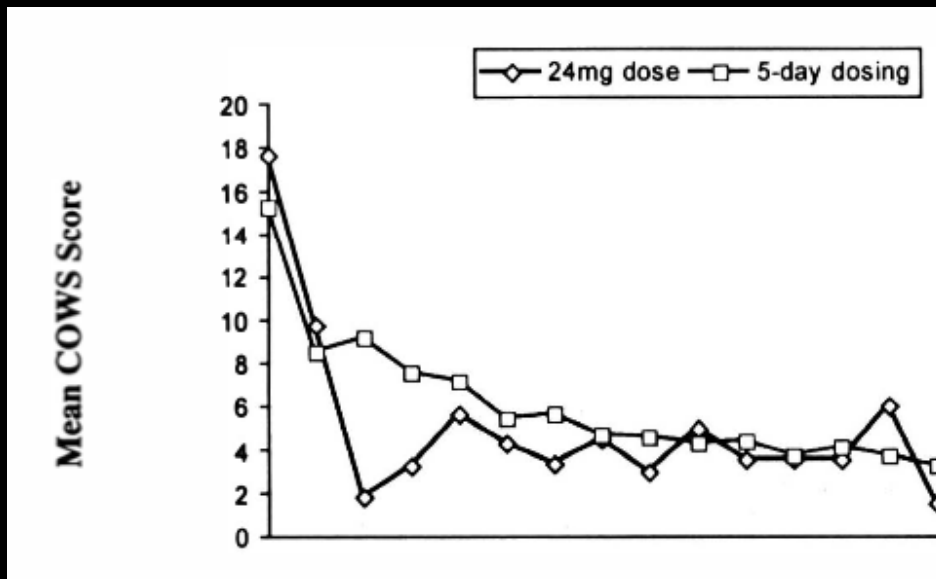
Kathleen Ang-Lee , Michael R. Oreskovich , Andrew J. Saxon , Craig Jaffe , Charles Meredith , Mei Ling K. Ellis , Carol A. Malte & Patricia C. Knox

### Case Series

- n=5 vs historical controls, n=20
- Inpatient, supervised detox, COWS > 13
- 24 mg Bupe SL induction



One patient had precipitated withdrawal  
-Improved in 4 hours



The 24 mg group appears to have  
a faster normalization compared  
to escalating Bupe over 5 days



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2014

## **Buprenorphine maintenance versus placebo or methadone maintenance for opioid dependence (Review)**

Mattick RP, Breen C, Kimber J, Davoli M

- Higher doses ( $\geq 16\text{mg}$ ) = lower illicit use and increased retention



## **Treatment Outcomes in Opioid Dependent Patients With Different Buprenorphine/Naloxone Induction Dosing Patterns and Trajectories**

Petra Jacobs, MD,<sup>1</sup> Alfonso Ang, PhD,<sup>2</sup> Maureen P. Hillhouse, PhD,<sup>2</sup>  
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Jack D. Blaine, MD<sup>1</sup>

### Prospective Observational Study:

- Secondary analysis of START Data
  - Different induction trajectories in the first 3 days
  - Outcomes @ different induction dosing
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- Bupe > 16 mg had less dropout and adverse events at 28 days
  - Outcomes better with higher doses

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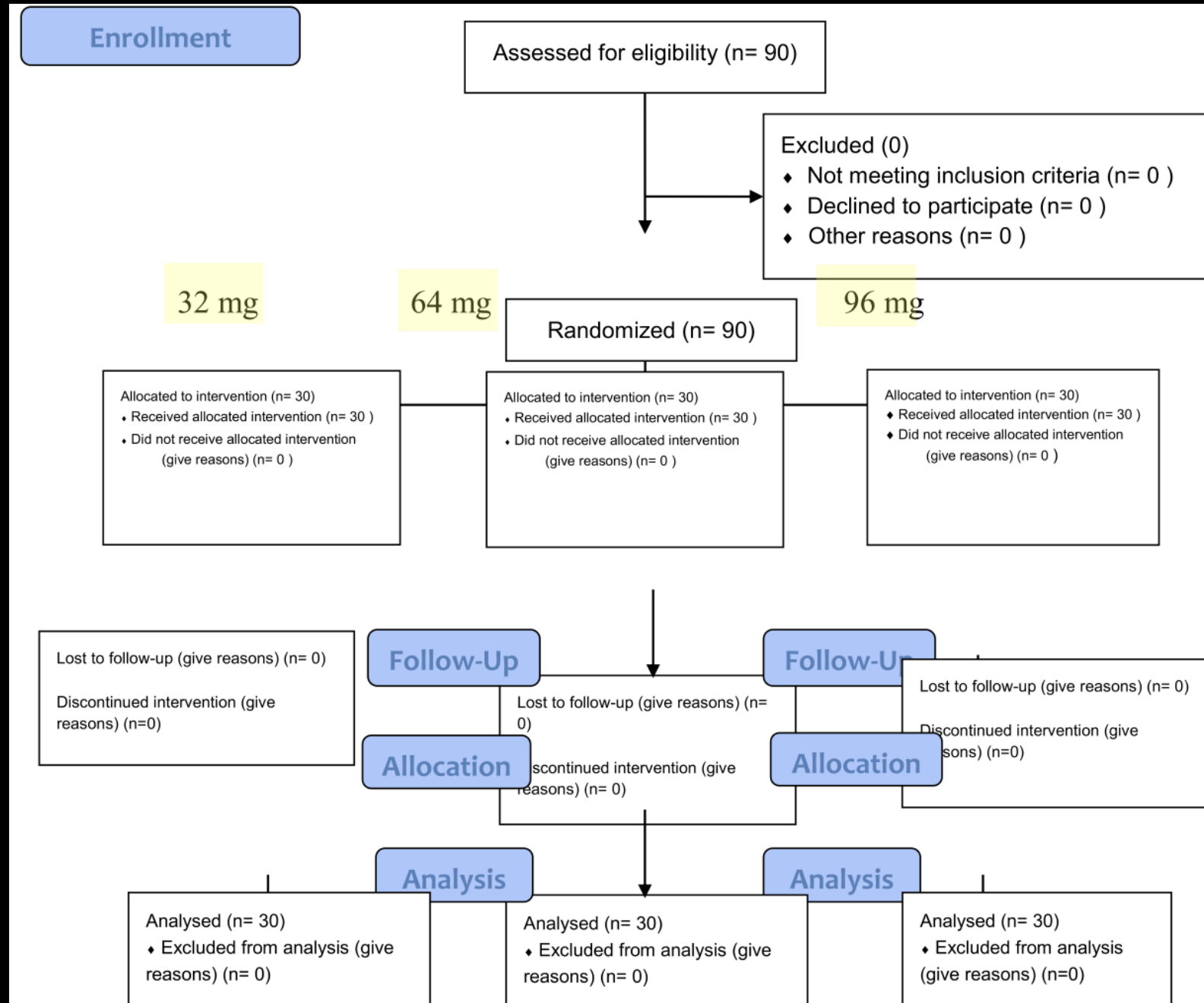
# Single high-dose buprenorphine for opioid craving during withdrawal



Jamshid Ahmadi<sup>1\*</sup>, Mina Sefidfard Jahromi<sup>1</sup>, Dara Ghahremani<sup>2</sup> and Edythe D. London<sup>2,3,4</sup>

## RCT

- Single buprenorphine dose for opioid withdrawal
- Gave 32 mg, 64 mg or 96 mg
- Observed *craving scores* for the next 5 days



**Table 3** Craving scores (means and standard deviations) of the three groups

Group (Buprenorphine, mg)	32	64	96
Day	<i>n</i> = 30	<i>n</i> = 30	<i>n</i> = 30
Baseline	7.23 ± 3.51	6.93 ± 3.54	7.56 ± 3.53
Day 1	4.46 ± 3.95	4.96 ± 2.90	4.00 ± 2.75
Day 2	2.56 ± 3.23	3.03 ± 2.23	1.00 ± 1.74
Day 3	1.70 ± 2.39	0.900 ± 1.37	0.366 ± 0.927
Day 4	1.23 ± 1.86	0.300 ± 0.749	0.233 ± 0.727
Day 5	0.700 ± 1.14	0.100 ± 0.402	0.00 ± 0.00

Results:

-64 mg worked better than 32 mg

-96 mg did not work better than 64 mg

**Adverse effects**

To ensure safety, side effects, vital signs, respiration, and gastrointestinal effects were measured and monitored every hour for the first day, and then every 6 h. Nine patients developed notable side effects. Two (both in the 96-mg group) developed significant hypotension (blood pressure of 75/50 and 80/45, respectively) and were treated with hydration. Two (both in the 32-mg group) developed nausea. Five (two in the 64-mg group and three in the 96-mg group) developed both nausea and vomiting. Patients who had nausea or vomiting were treated with antiemetic medications. No severe respiratory, cardiovascular, or gastrointestinal adverse effects were observed.

# Buprenorphine Field Initiation of ReScue Treatment by Emergency Medical Services (Bupe FIRST EMS): A Case Series

Gerard G. Carroll, Deena D. Wasserman, Aman A. Shah, Matthew S. Salzman, Kaitlan E. Baston, Rick A. Rohrbach, Iris L. Jones & Rachel Haroz

## Case Series: Pre-hospital

- n= 18
- Post-naloxone rescue, COWS > 7
- Buprenorphine 16 mg SL
- Next-day follow-up

- All 18 improved
- No P.O.W. observed
- 3 example cases summarized below

TABLE 1. Patient Characteristics and Treatment

Patient	Naloxone given	Initial COWS	Buprenorphine given	Repeat COWS	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	30 day retention
A	2 mg IM	13	16 mg	3	Yes	Yes
B	2mg IM	15	16-32 mg	3	Yes	No
C	4 mg IN	12	16 mg	4	Yes	Yes



**Original Investigation** | Substance Use and Addiction

# High-Dose Buprenorphine Induction in the Emergency Department for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

Andrew A. Herring, MD; Aidan A. Vosooghi, MS; Joshua Luftig, PA; Erik S. Anderson, MD; Xiwen Zhao, MS; James Dziura, PhD; Kathryn F. Hawk, MD, MHS;  
Ryan P. McCormack, MD, MS; Andrew Saxon, MD; Gail D'Onofrio, MD, MS

*JAMA Network Open.* 2021;4(7):e2117128

## Retrospective, observational study

- N= 579
- ED induction for OUD

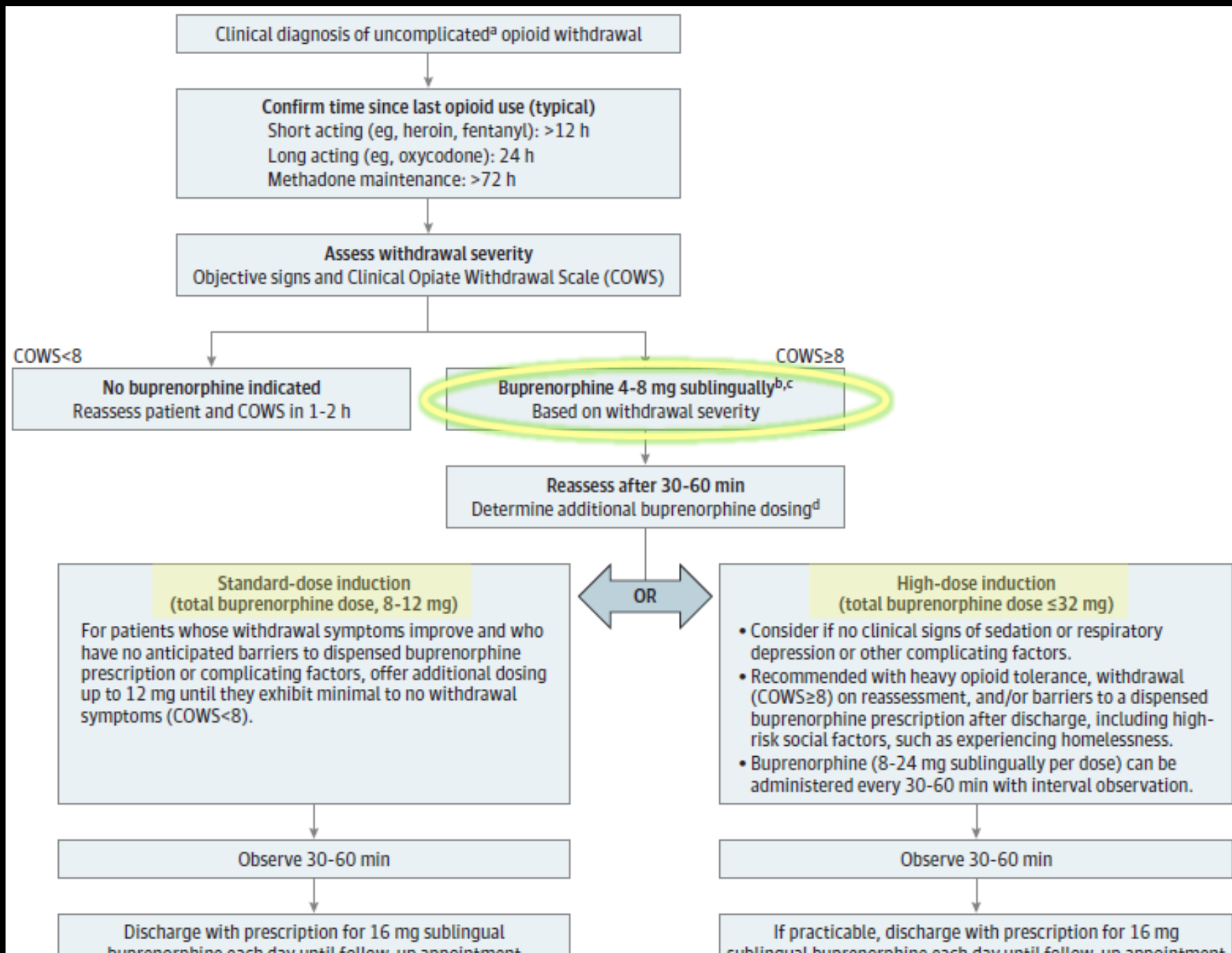




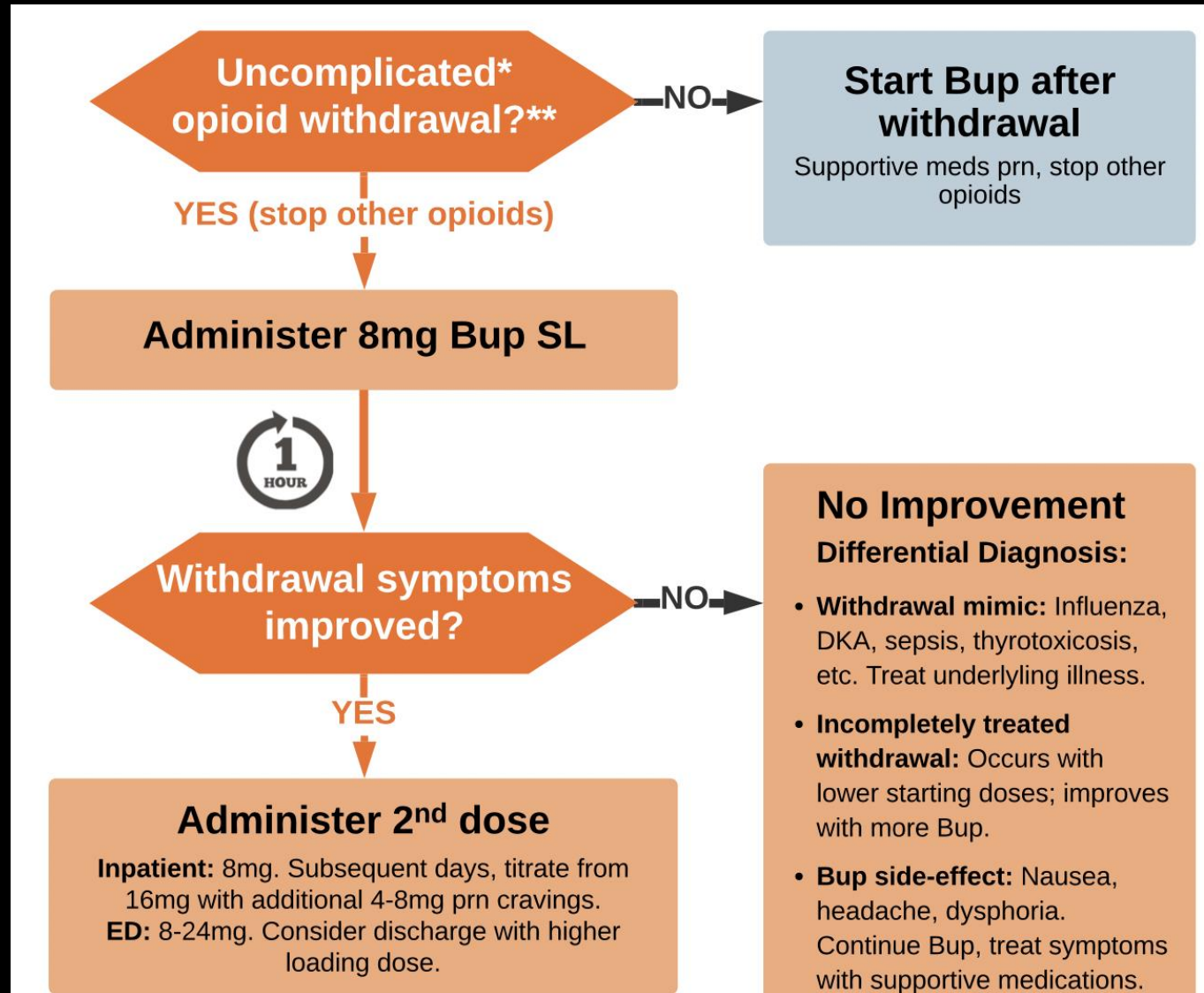
Table 2. Clinical Characteristics of Sublingual Buprenorphine Induction for Opioid Use Disorder During Emergency Department Visits

Characteristic	Total buprenorphine dose sublingual					
	2-6 mg (n = 55)	8 mg (n = 136)	10-12 mg (n = 22)	16 mg (n = 106)	20-24 mg (n = 122)	≥28 mg (n = 138)
Adverse events, No. (%)						
Precipitated withdrawal	0	4 (2.9)	0	0	0	1 (0.7)
Hospitalization	5 (9.1)	4 (2.9)	1 (4.5)	3 (2.8)	8 (6.6)	4 (2.9)

Bottom line:

- Patients did well with high-dose
- Zero cases of serious ADE

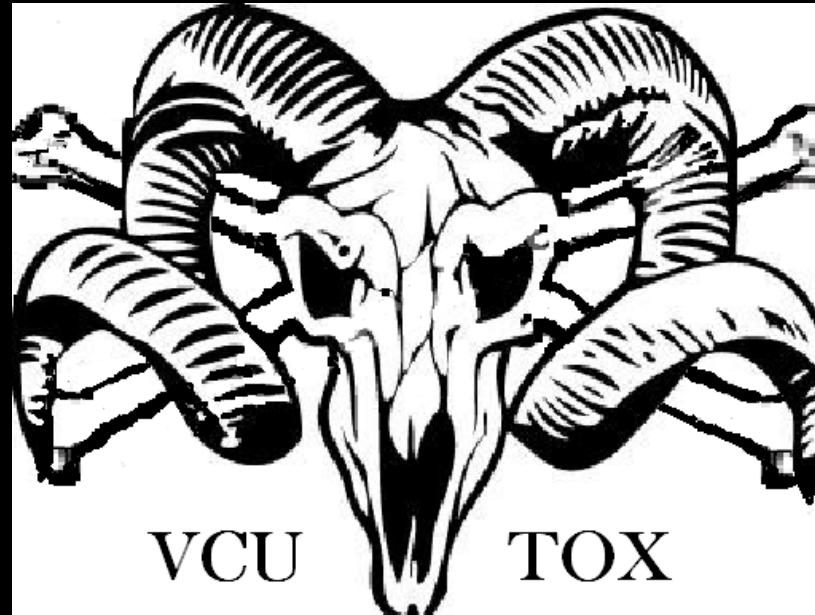
# Starting buprenorphine in the ED



# Summary

## Higher buprenorphine dosing:

- Evidence is weak...
- May result in lower incidence of P.O.W.
- More rapid & complete termination of W/D
  - Especially for pts with chronic fentanyl use
- May result in improved treatment retention
- No clear signal of harm



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# Case Presentation #1



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  - 5 min: Presentation
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  - 2 min: Recommendations – Hub
  - 5 min: Summary - Hub

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## Main Question

Outpatient microinduction for a patient taking methadone



## Demographic Information

A 41-year-old female with OUD & cocaine use disorder presents requesting treatment with buprenorphine. Pt currently takes methadone 30 mg daily, states she is not happy with it, continues to use heroin daily despite being compliant with methadone. Pt. has previously had success with buprenorphine and would like to re-start this medication.

## Background Information

Denies any past medical or psychiatric history.

## Previous Interventions

As above.

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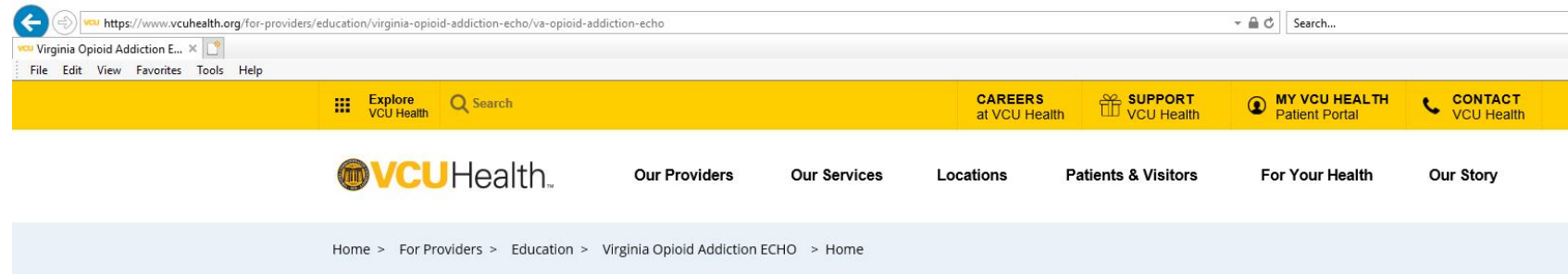
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**ECHO**  
Virginia Commonwealth University

Please help us serve you better and learn more about your needs and the value of the Virginia Opioid Addiction ECHO (Extension of Community Healthcare Outcomes).

**First Name**  
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**I attest that I have successfully attended the ECHO Opioid Addiction Clinic.**  
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How likely are you to recommend the Virginia Opioid Addiction ECHO by VCU to colleagues?

Very Likely

Likely

Neutral

Unlikely

Very Unlikely

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What opioid-related topics would you like addressed in the future?

What non-opioid related topics would you be interested in?

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## Previous Clinics - 2021

Review topics we covered in previous Virginia Opioid Addiction ECHO clinics.

### January 15, Buprenorphine Taper

Presented by Masaru Nishiaoki, MD

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### January 29, Panel Discussion: COVID and Chronic Conditions

Panelists: Albert Arias, MD, Alex Krist, MD and Katherine Rose, MD

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### February 12, Grief Impacting Recovery

Presented by Courtney Holmes, PhD

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### February 26, Virginia Drug Court System

Presented by Melanie Meadows

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### March 12, COVID and Recovery: Panel Discussion

Presented by Tom Bannard, MBA Omri Morris, CPRS Raymond Barnes, CPRS Erin Trinh, CPRS

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### March 26, Effects of Pharmacology on Cognitive Function

Presented by Gerry Moeller, MD

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### April 9, PropER Clinic and SUD Virtual Bridge Clinic: Linking Patients from ED to PCP and SUD Care

Presented by Taruna Aurora, MD and Brandon Wills, MD

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## VCU Virginia Opioid Addiction TeleECHO Clinics

Bi-Weekly Fridays - 12-1:00 pm

### **Mark Your Calendar --- Upcoming Sessions**

April 15: Harm Reduction and Syringe Exchange

Health Brigade

April 29: Family Dynamics and SUD

William Nicoll, LPC

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