

Medication-assisted treatment with Suboxone at GME Clinics

- Opioid use disorder is a national crisis and public health emergency.
- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) works. It is a safe, effective, and evidence-based approach to supporting patients with addiction. This approach saves lives.
- Patients that need this treatment are not able to access it. At the center of this failure is insufficient training for physicians.
- Saint Joseph GME has an opportunity to respond to this crisis by providing needed care to our patients and preparing our graduates to meet the healthcare needs of their communities.
- We can achieve this through the provision of Medication-assisted treatment that includes Suboxone (buprenorphine-naloxone).
- The current regulatory environment allows for this care to be legally provided by our providers. There is a strong push at the policy level to support the provision of MAT in primary care setting.
- Colorado Medicaid provides financial support for the reimbursement of office-based services and covers Suboxone as a preferred drug. Limited options are available for
- Saint Joseph GME has the internal capacity to launch an MAT program. Substantial external supports are available to guide implementation.

The provision of medication-assisted treatment to patients with opioid use disorder fulfills our dual mission of patient care for the underserved and medical education.