

Exploring the Role of Buprenorphine for the Treatment of Chronic Pain



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Purpose: To educate providers on the role of buprenorphine in chronic pain management and provide strategies for utilizing buprenorphine in the treatment of chronic pain.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the pharmacology of buprenorphine and its potential utility in the management of chronic pain.
2. Discuss the characteristics of buprenorphine formulations used to treat chronic pain.
3. Formulate appropriate strategies to initiate buprenorphine for the treatment of chronic pain.
4. Identify potential barriers to the use of buprenorphine for chronic pain, as well as strategies for shared decision-making when considering buprenorphine initiation.

Target Audience: Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners

Type of Activity: Knowledge

Fee: Free

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Estimated time to complete activity: 1.0 hour CME (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)

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