

# Combating Opioid Use Disorders in South Carolina

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# How does SC rate?

- We have a wonderful DAODAS system (tertiary)
- We are lacking programs and interventions farther upstream (primary and secondary)
- We have unnecessary barriers to treatment that need to be removed
- Our payors need to increase focus on prevention, behavioral health, and integrated care

# Gaps in Access to Treatment

## **Integrated care is lacking in most outpatient settings**

- FQHCs are figuring it out
- Payors are not (yet)
- Private practices are behind
- Effective SBIRT requires that “T” be reliably available, and that patients follow through

## **Fly-by-night treatment providers**

- Market “quick and easy” methadone and suboxone w/o other components of recovery care

# What Steps Can We Take?

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# What Steps Can We Take?

## **Reduce Barriers**

1. Incentivize MAT in primary care (with required counseling/monitoring by LAC)
2. Make counseling more accessible: Reduce unnecessary oversight burden for LPCs in FQHCs (Medicaid); advocate for Medicare to cover LPCs and LMFTs
3. Build better bridges between EDs and primary care

## **Increase Education and Community Outreach**

1. Combat stigma; “no wrong door”
2. Make Narcan widely available and free

# More Steps

## **Support (not vilify) Patients**

1. Make treatment plans available (e.g., we check SCRIPTS, but providers and pharmacists are in the dark re: treatment plans)

## **Continuing Education for Providers**

1. MAT prescribers, counselors, hospitals, etc.
2. Learning ECHOs, listservs
3. The problem belongs to everyone... So does the solution

## **Remember Other Substances of Addiction**

1. Opioids are one part of a larger problem
2. South Carolinians continue to die from tobacco, alcohol, stimulants


# HopeHealth

## SUDTP

- LPC/LAC
- Case management
- MAT as needed
- Primary care in Florence, Kingstree, Manning

## Pain Center

- BHCs are LPC/LAC
- Bridge to SUDTP as needed




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