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PRESCRIBER'S ORDERS

NO DRUG WILL BE DISPENSED OR ADMINISTERED
WITHOUT A COMPLETED
CAUTION SHEET
ALLERGY/INTOLERANCE STATUS FORM (PHC-PH047)

DATE
AND TIME

BUPRENORPHINE-NALOXONE (SUBOXONE) INDUCTION ORDERS

[see corresponding Medication Administration Record PHC-PH713-MA (R. Oct 16-18)]

(Items with check boxes must be selected to be ordered)

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The physician ordering buprenorphine-naloxone must call the patient's community pharmacy to discontinue any ongoing provision of opioids in the community.

Refer to Nursing Care Standard **buprenorphine-naloxone (SUBOXONE) for Opioid Use Disorder**

CONSULTS: Addiction Medicine Consult Team. For urgent referrals after 16:30, page on call MD through switchboard

LABORATORY: Urine drug screen (including methadone metabolites, fentanyl, oxycodone and opiates). Notify physician before induction if positive urine drug screen

Urine HCG for female patients (emerg only) – notify physician before induction if HCG positive

HCG (blood) for female patients – notify physician before induction if HCG positive

MONITORING: Assess patient for signs of opioid withdrawal using the Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS) at first sign of opioid withdrawal. Assess patient Q2H until COWS is 9, then Q1H until COWS is greater than 12

MEDICATIONS: When COWS score is greater than 12, notify prescriber

Prescriber MUST verify COWS is greater than 12 before first dose is administered:

buprenorphine - naloxone **2 mg - 0.5 mg** 1 tablet sublingual x 1 dose

Assess COWS 30 and 60 minutes post dose

IF COWS SCORE INCREASES, NOTIFY PRESCRIBER IMMEDIATELY

If COWS score remains the same or decreases by 1 or 2 points:

buprenorphine - naloxone **2 mg - 0.5 mg** 1 tablet sublingual Q2H PRN

Maximum: buprenorphine – naloxone 16 mg - 4 mg in first 24 hours

If COWS score decreases by 3 or greater points:

buprenorphine - naloxone **2 mg - 0.5 mg** 1 tablet sublingual Q1H PRN

Maximum: buprenorphine – naloxone 16 mg - 4 mg in first 24 hours

ASSESS COWS Q1H FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT DOSES

Advise patient to dissolve tablet completely under tongue which can take up to 10 minutes.

DO NOT swallow saliva or tablet, talk or drink during this time.

After the first 24 hours, Prescriber must complete buprenorphine – naloxone Maintenance Orders (PHC-PH668) for ongoing therapy.

DISCHARGE:

Emergency Department only:

Write discharge prescription for total dose of buprenorphine-naloxone received in Emergency Department as once a day, daily witnessed ingestion (DWI) x number of days until Rapid Access Addictions Clinic (RAAC) is open.

Referral to RAAC

Printed Name

Signature

College ID

Contact Number