



Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPROPRIATE USE CHECKLIST: BUPRENORPHINE-CONTAINING TRANSMUCOSAL PRODUCTS FOR OPIOID DEPENDENCE

This checklist is a useful reminder of the safe use conditions and monitoring requirements for prescribing buprenorphine-containing transmucosal products for opioid dependence.

Requirements to address during each patient's appointment include:

- understanding and reinforcement of safe use conditions
- the importance of psychosocial counseling
- screening and monitoring patients to determine progress towards treatment goals

If a patient continues to abuse various drugs or is unresponsive to treatment, including psychosocial intervention, it is important that you assess the need to refer the patient to a specialist and/or a more intensive behavioral treatment environment.

Additional resource: Providers Clinical Support System for Medication Assisted Treatment: <http://pcssmat.org/>

**This checklist may be used during the induction period and filed in patient's medical record to document safe use conditions. Once a maintenance dose has been established, use the maintenance checklist.**

MEASUREMENT TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE USE	NOTES
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>INDUCTION</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Verified patient meets appropriate diagnostic criteria for opioid dependence	
<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed risks described in professional labeling and Medication Guide with patient	
<input type="checkbox"/> Explained or reviewed conditions of safe storage of medication, including keeping it out of the sight and reach of children	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provided induction doses under appropriate supervision	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed limited amount of medication at first visit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled next visit at interval commensurate with patient stability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly, or more frequent visits recommended for the first month</li> </ul>	



**APPROPRIATE USE CHECKLIST:**  
**BUPRENORPHINE-CONTAINING TRANSMUCOSAL PRODUCTS FOR OPIOID DEPENDENCE**

This checklist may be used for visits following the induction period and filed in patient’s medical record to document safe use conditions.

MEASUREMENT TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE USE	NOTES
<p><b>Date:</b>  <b>Visit #</b></p>	
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assessed and encouraged patient to take medication as prescribed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider pill/film count/dose reconciliation</li> </ul>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assessed appropriateness of dosage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buprenorphine combined with naloxone is recommended for maintenance:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buprenorphine/Naloxone SL tablet and film (Suboxone®): doses ranging from 12 mg to 16 mg of buprenorphine are recommended for maintenance</li> <li>• Buprenorphine/Naloxone SL tablet (Zubsolv®): a target dose of 11.4 mg buprenorphine is recommended for maintenance</li> <li>• Buprenorphine/Naloxone Buccal Film (Bunavail®): a target dose of 8.4 mg of buprenorphine is recommended for maintenance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Doses higher than this should be an exception</li> <li>• The need for higher dose should be carefully evaluated</li> </ul>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Conduct urine drug screens as appropriate to assess use of illicit substances</b></p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assessed participation in professional counseling and support services</b></p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assessed whether benefits of treatment with buprenorphine-containing products outweigh risks associated with buprenorphine-containing products</b></p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assessed whether patient is making adequate progress toward treatment goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considered results of urine drug screens as part of the evidence of the patient complying with the treatment program</li> <li>• Consider referral to more intensive forms of treatment for patients not making progress</li> </ul>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Scheduled next visit at interval commensurate with patient stability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly, or more frequent visits are recommended for the first month</li> </ul>	