

## Medication for Addiction Treatment Information for Alcohol Use Disorder

NAME	WHAT WILL THIS DO?	HOW DO I TAKE THESE MEDS?	WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THIS MEDICATION?	WHAT SHOULD I BE AWARE OF?
<b>Acamprosate</b> <b>Trade Name:</b> <b>Campral</b>	It will help me not want to use alcohol. It will make certain symptoms related to stopping alcohol (e.g., can't sleep, anxiety) better.	I take it by mouth 3 times per day.	I have a family history of alcohol use disorder; I have a strong urge to drink alcohol; <b>Very</b> useful if I am suffering from withdrawal symptoms when I am not drinking.	This medication can worsen kidney problems if I already have kidney problems. It may be hard to take my medication regularly because I must take it 3 times per day.
<b>Disulfiram</b> <b>Trade Name:</b> <b>Antabuse</b>	This will make me sick if I drink alcohol.	I take it by mouth one time per day.	I have a family history of alcohol use disorder; I cannot stop thinking about using alcohol; I have benefited from disulfiram before; I have a strong support network to make sure I take it.	This medication may cause liver or heart problems. It is not good to take if I am pregnant or have chronic medical problems like heart disease or diabetes. It is not helpful if I am not able to completely stop using alcohol because I will get sick if I drink while I am taking this medication.
<b>Naltrexone</b> <b>Trade Name:</b> By mouth: <b>ReVia</b> By injection: <b>Vivitrol</b>	It will help me not want to use alcohol. I will not have a strong urge to drink. If I have a drink, I won't feel its effects as readily.	I take it by mouth one time per day, or I can get an injection once per month.	<b>Very</b> useful if I have a family history of alcohol use disorder; <b>Somewhat</b> useful if I have a strong urge to use alcohol; It helps people to cut down on drinking in addition to helping some people stop drinking.	This medication is not recommended if I have severe liver disease or if I am currently using opioids. It can be painful to take the injection. Injections are not recommended if I have a fear of needles. If I need to take opioids for pain, they will not work as well or as easily, and I will have to work with my provider to find something that will.

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# Medication for Addiction Treatment Information for Opioid Use Disorder

NAME	WHAT WILL THIS DO?	HOW DO I TAKE THESE MEDS?	WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THIS MEDICATION?	WHAT SHOULD I BE AWARE OF?
<b>Buprenorphine</b> <b>Trade Name:</b> By mouth: ~Suboxone ~Zubsolv ~Subutex ~Other names By injection: ~Sublocade	It will help me not want to use opioids. I will also experience less opioid withdrawal. It will partially protect me from an overdose if I do use opioids.	This is either a film or a tablet that I take under the tongue one or more times daily. This is an injection that I receive monthly.	If I struggle with opioid cravings and/or with opioid withdrawal; If I am pregnant or breastfeeding, this medication is a good option; If I want the convenience of getting my medication prescribed to a pharmacy for me to take at home; I can take the medication by injection if I have a problem taking medication every day.	This medication can cause opioid withdrawal if I am still using opioids when I start it.
<b>Methadone</b>	It will help me not want to use opioids. I will not experience opioid withdrawal. It will partially protect me from an overdose if I do use opioids.	I take it by mouth one time per day. It will usually be in liquid form and something that I drink.	If I inject opioids; If I cannot stop using or thinking about using; When I do not use, I have bad opioid withdrawal; If I am pregnant or breastfeeding, this is a safe option; I try to stop using but wind up using again; I have tried other medications and they do not work for me.	This medication can cause an overdose or make me sleepy. It can cause heart problems or problems breathing, especially if I am using benzodiazepines or alcohol while I am taking this medication. I must attend an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) in order to get my medication – it is not a medication that is prescribed to a pharmacy for me to take at home (I may be able to get take-home doses from the OTP).
<b>Naltrexone</b> <b>Trade Name:</b> Vivitrol	It will help me not want to use opioids. I will not be able to feel other opioids when I am taking this medication.	I will get an injection once per month.	If I struggle with opioid cravings and/or opioid withdrawal and have never tried a medication; I can take the medication by injection, if I have a problem taking a medication every day; Methadone or buprenorphine did not work for me or I had side effects from them.	This medication is not recommended if I have severe liver disease or if I am currently using opioids. If I have recently used opioids, it can cause severe opioid withdrawal when I start it. It can be painful to take the injection. Injections are not recommended if I have a fear of needles. If I need to take opioids for pain, they will not work as well or as easily, and I will have to work with my provider to find something that will. If I stop this medication, I am at a higher risk for opioid overdose.

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