

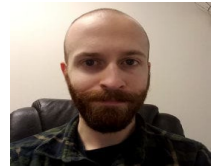
“Extended-Release Medications to Treat Opioid Use Disorder”

Study Overview

Focused on individuals in Maryland jails, this study examines the effects of extended-release buprenorphine, versus the more commonly used extended-release naltrexone, to see which produces better results. Individuals in the study were randomly assigned to one of the two medications while in jail; the researchers followed them post-release as they continued the medication.



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COVID delayed the start of the study and created a few disturbances, but the jail administrator partners were committed to continuing.



Supply chain issues made it necessary to switch brands of buprenorphine from the original choice to Sublocade.

TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Community partners were vital to getting this study going and keeping it running during a global pandemic.
- ✓ The researchers are also interviewing individuals receiving MOUD (coming soon).
- ✓ The researchers found that individuals needed more time than the research team expected to switch from jail to community treatment. They adjusted the study protocol, adding a "rescue injection" in the seventh month to bridge the gap.