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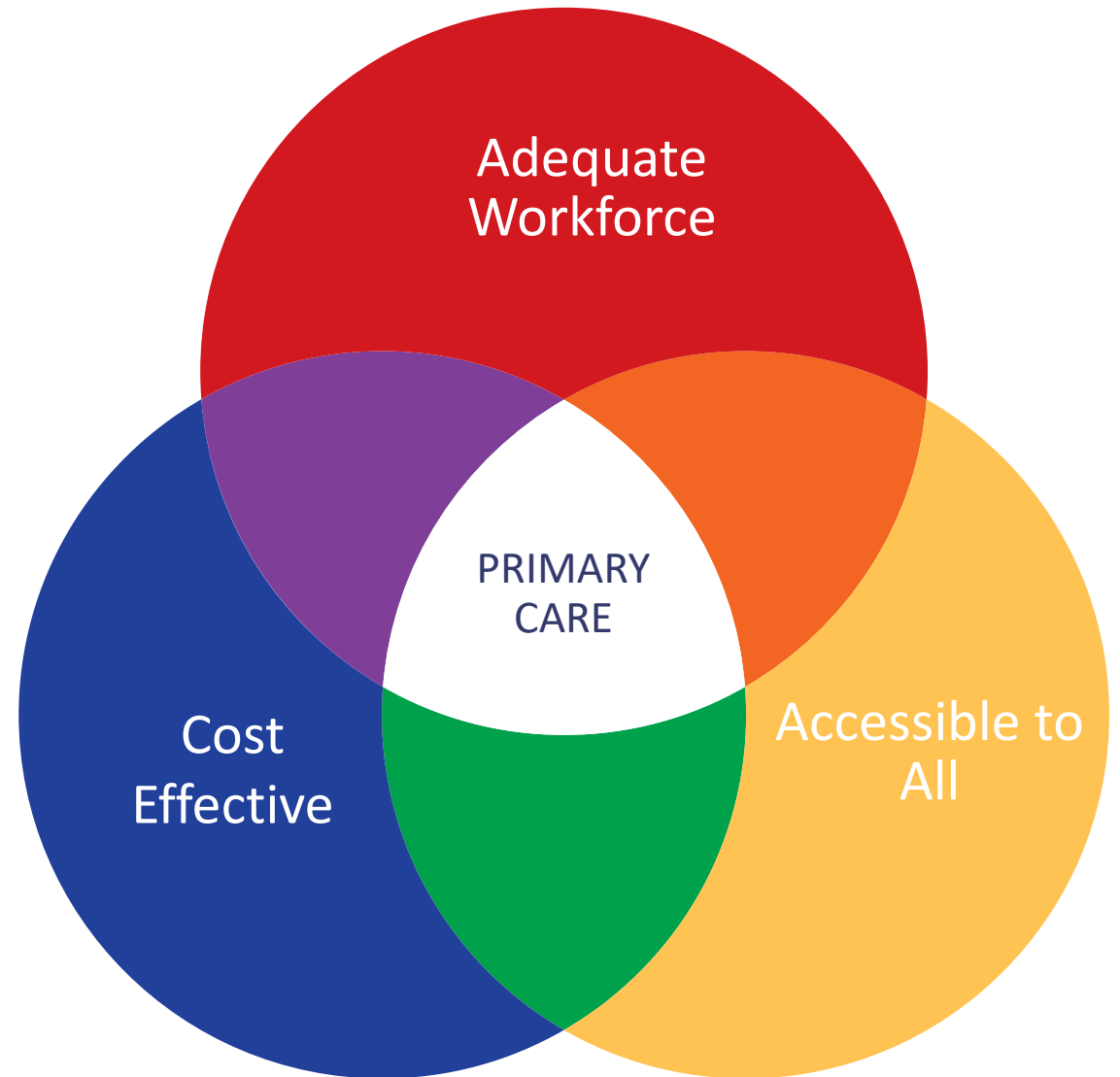
# Implementation of Buprenorphine Prescribing in Primary Care

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# Primary Care as PRIMARY

136 Americans die every day from opioid drug overdose

*“A critical component to mitigating the opioid crisis relates to ensuring an adequate supply of providers. More clinicians are needed to meet the needs of the estimated 2.1 million Americans suffering from untreated OUDs.”*







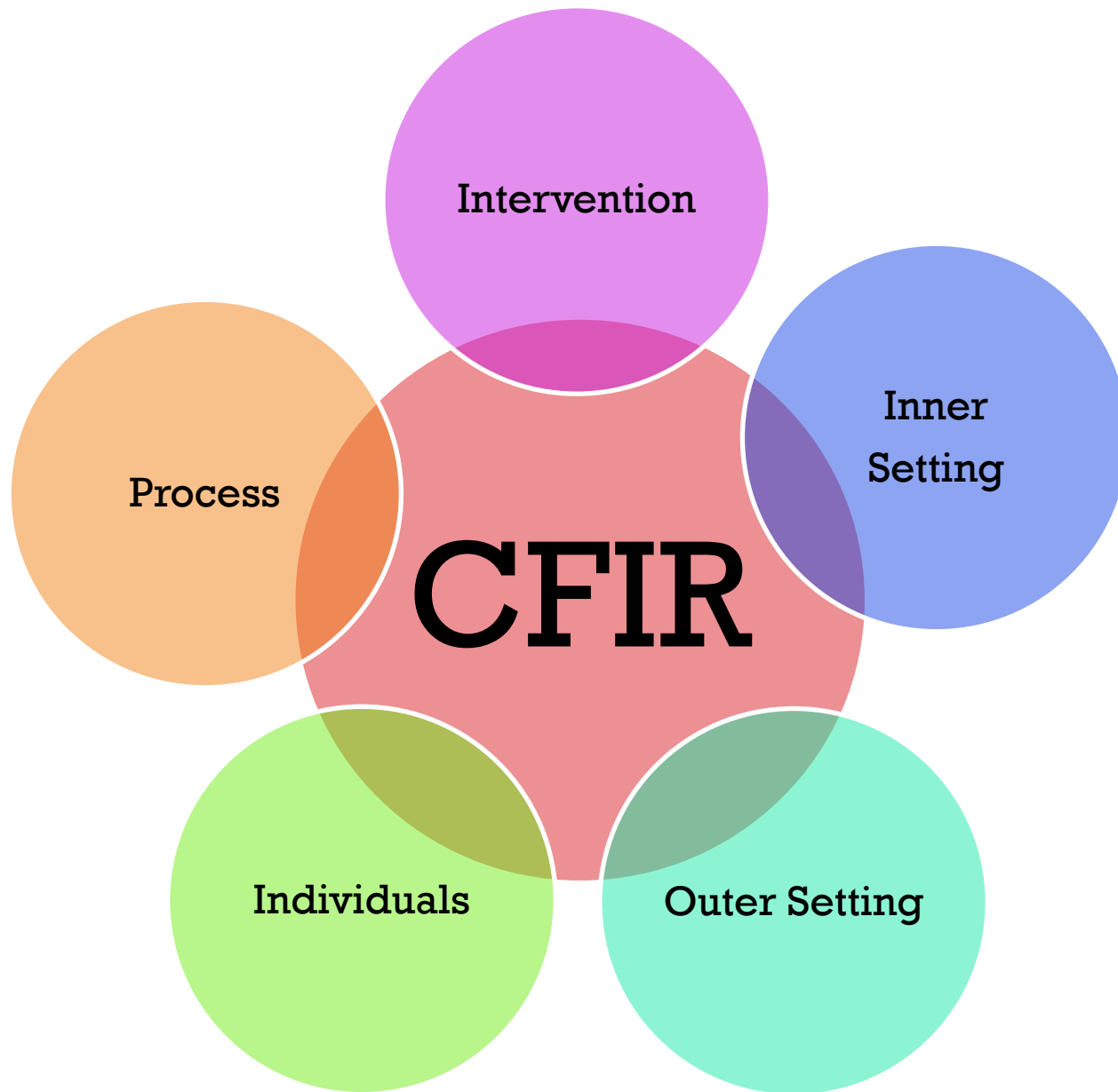
# CFIR

Consolidated Framework  
for Implementation  
Research

What's going on  
in Primary Care at  
VA Boston?

"To see far is one thing,  
going there is another."  
Constantin Brancusi,  
1876-1957





- **Inner setting: structural & cultural context**  
Importance, advantages, organizational and individual values
- **Outer setting: economic, political context of the organization**  
Patient needs/value of intervention
- **Individuals**  
Knowledge, beliefs, self efficacy

## Major takeaway

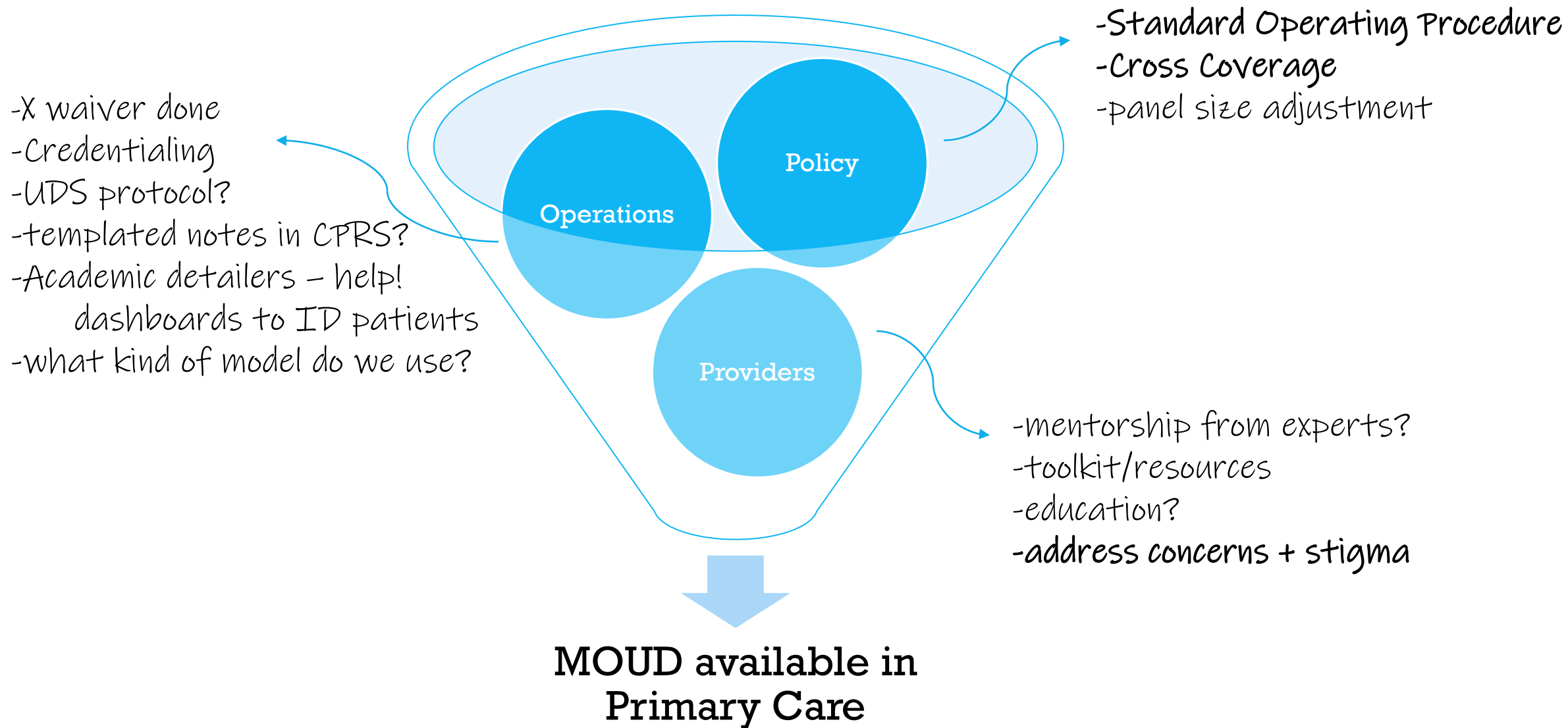
13. Are you willing to prescribe buprenorphine to your patients?

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YES, I want to do this!	6
Yes, but only if I have to	7
No thanks	14



- Majority of PCPs at our facility are not interested
- How do we move forward with an intervention that very few believe in ?
- Hint: tried \$\$ incentives = they didn't work



## Policy



## Policy making: Standard Operating Procedure

- Lots of voices + opinions
- Iterative process
- Finalized ??
- Non-standard clinics into “standard” procedure ??

RIGID THINKING

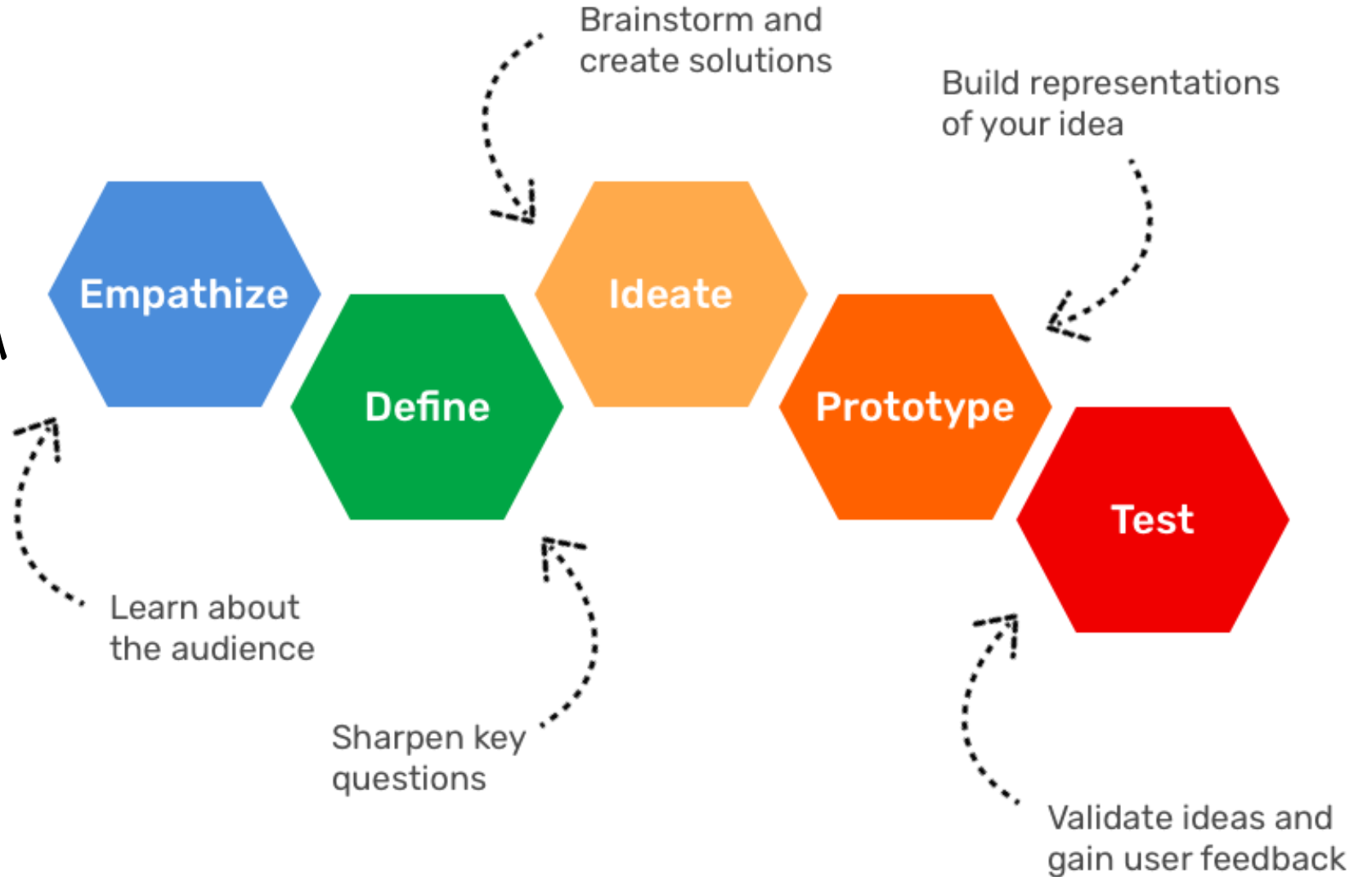


FLEXIBLE THINKING



Operations

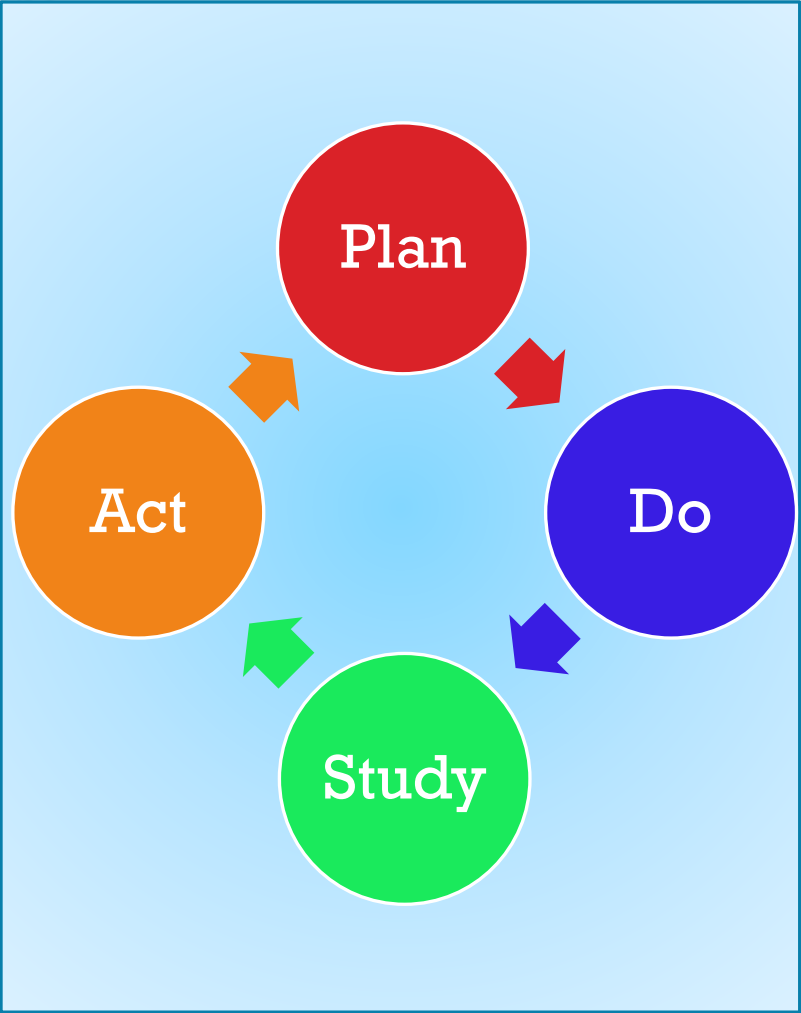
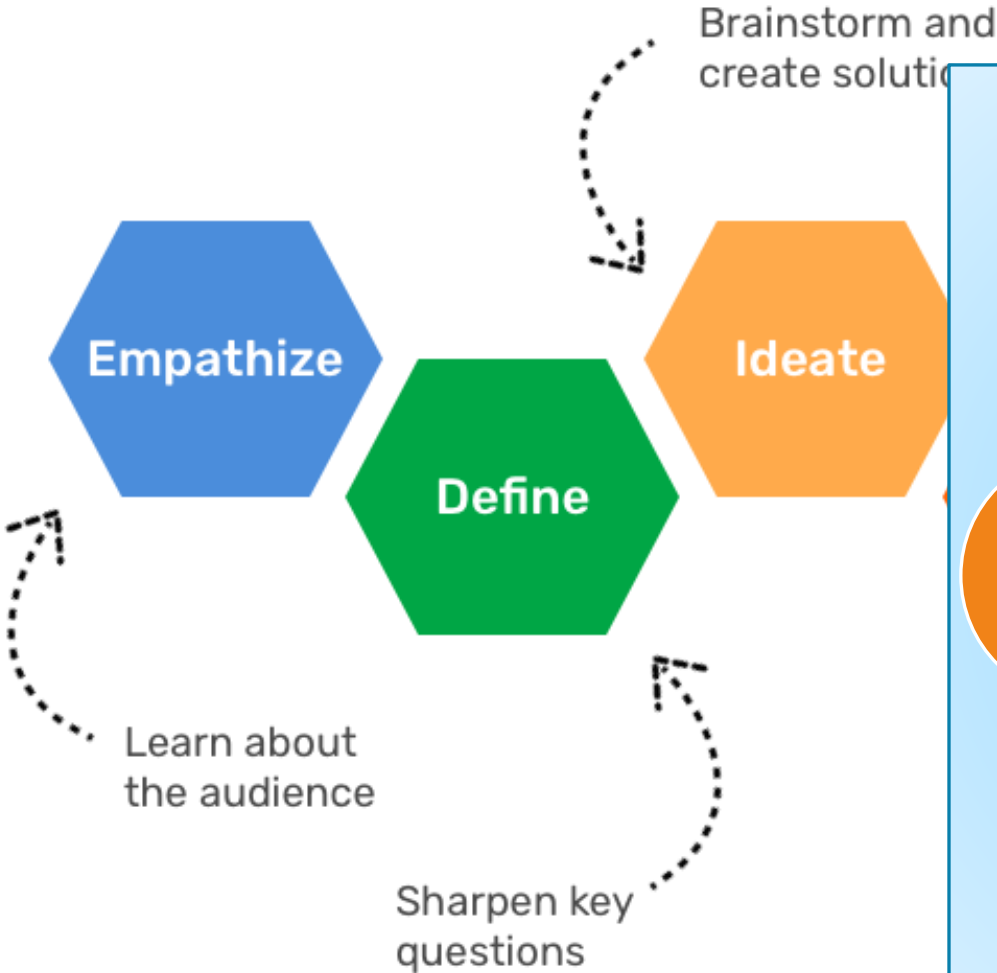
Human Centered  
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Operations

Human Centered Design!



# Perspective

## The Number Needed to Prescribe — What Would It Take to Expand Access to Buprenorphine?

Elisabeth Poorman, M.D., M.P.H.



Article

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5 References 3 Comments



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**T**HE DAY I GRADUATED FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL, I COULD HAVE prescribed enough fentanyl to kill several people. Many of the patients I saw in the hospital during residency clearly had opioid use disorder (OUD), but I couldn't treat it. I didn't have an X waiver authorizing me to prescribe buprenorphine, and none of my preceptors were prescribers. With Massachusetts awash in the overdose

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**PERSPECTIVE** MAY 13, 2021

Bringing Harm Reduction into Health Policy — Combating the Overdose Crisis

K.L. Sue and D.A. Fiellin



Providers

**HELLO,  
I AM**

*Not my addiction*

*Once more unto the breach,  
dear friends...*

## Where I'd like to end up

- Cohort of PCPs at each clinic location who are prescribing Buprenorphine for **whatever** (OUD and/or chronic pain)
- A system that allows multiple entry points & multiple ways to receive MOUD treatment





Questions?

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