

Welcome to the VIP Initiative

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An IDEAS –VISN 19 Service and Research Collaborative

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Please welcome Cinnamon Paviolo, LPN

Sawadee ka (hello in thai)

I learned this phrase when I visited Thailand this past year right before covid. The land of smiles was amazing best trip eva. I like to travel and learn about different cultures.

My name is Cinnamon Paviolo, middle name is not a spice but Nicole lol. I have one sister and one brother in Texas. I am from the a VA in Texas and decided I wanted to live in the mountains so here I am. I have worked for the VA for going on 4 years. I would like to transition to RN once I get my debt to income ratio to zero so soon I will focus on transitioning . I like anything outdoors and indoors. I like to meditate, yoga, run, hike, and just enjoy life in the present moment being happy and spreading a white light within me that radiates to those around me. I am trying to find my routine here and form good habits so heres to the journey. I am excited to learn and grow with the VIP team and become an asset to the team.

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THE VA ROCKY MOUNTAIN NETWORK (VISN19) IS EXCITED TO OFFER HIGH-IMPACT LEARNING ON BUPRENORPHINE

Expert recommendations. Veterans' perspectives.

Every First Monday of the Month
April 5th @ 12pm MT - Buprenorphine Basics
May 3rd @ 12pm MT - Diagnosing OUD
June 7th @ 12pm MT - Initiating Buprenorphine
July 12th @ 12pm MT - Buprenorphine for Chronic Pain

12-12:30pm MT - Interactive buprenorphine training 12:30-1pm MT - Case-based mentoring & discussion Questions? Email <u>Mary.Nunnery@va.gov</u>

A COLLABORATION OF THE VA SALT LAKE CITY VULNERABLE VETERAN INNOVATIVE PACT, VA EASTERN COLORADO CHRONIC PAIN AND WELLNESS CENTER, & THE CONSORTIUM TO DISSEMINATE & UNDERSTAND IMPLEMENTATION OF OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATMENT (CONDUIT)

SCOUTT MARCH EES CALL

SAVE THE DATE NOTIFICATION!

Using the Buprenorphine Patient Report to Improve Patient Care
March 10, 2021 1:00-2:00pm ET
TMS Item number 43785
Presented by:
Chad Kay, PharmD, BCPS
Charles Vagts, RN
Kim Banks, FNP-BC

Program Description: Medication treatment for opioid use disorder (MOUD) is the gold standard of treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD). As of Q4 FY2020, less than 45% of Veterans with OUD within the VA received MOUD. Buprenorphine is the most common form of MOUD utilized within the VHA. Many patients receiving buprenorphine are high risk and should be monitored closely to ensure appropriate follow-up and medication adherence. The purpose of this live, knowledge based virtual presentation is to describe a population management tool that can be used by clinicians to ensure follow-up, appropriate monitoring, prescription fills, and review other relevant clinical information for patients receiving buprenorphine. After this presentation, providers, healthcare teams and support staff caring for patients on buprenorphine will be able to identify patients that are candidates for urine drug screening, prescription refill, PDMP, and offering a naloxone kit. Clinicians will also be able to review other relevant clinical information and identify other patient cohorts, including patients potentially lost to follow-up. Users of this tool from the Tucson VA Suboxone Clinic will describe their experience with this tool and how they utilize it to improve patient care.

Location: Access training at your computer workstation via VANTS and Adobe Connect. Classroom will be entered through TMS registration.

PUBLICATION

Jamie Lei, Amy Butz & Natalie Valentino (2021) Management of kratom dependence with buprenorphine/naloxone in a veteran population, Substance Abuse, DOI: 10.1080/08897077.2021.1878086

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