

**Study Title:** Influence Upon the Decision to Adopt Office-Based Buprenorphine Treatment in Rural Settings:  
A Qualitative Study

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## **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Study Information Sheet**

### **Why am I being asked to be in this research study?**

- We want to learn about the experiences and perceptions of clinicians in the front lines of the opioid epidemic in the rural South concerning office-based use of buprenorphine.
- We want to interview providers who treat with buprenorphine and those who do not.
- We plan to interview 60 health care providers in Arkansas and Kentucky.

### **What happens next?**

- We plan to call you to answer any questions and set up an interview appointment if you agree. If you do not want to be contacted, please let us know by phone (**501-526-8328**) or email ([KDWinston@uams.edu](mailto:KDWinston@uams.edu)). You may opt out of this process at any time.
- Neither your decision whether or not to participate nor your interview responses will have any bearing on your professional status.

### **What if I agree to be in this study?**

- A researcher from UAMS will interview you by phone at a time that is convenient for you.
- We have general questions about your experience and/or perceptions regarding buprenorphine treatment.
- You may add information or skip any questions you do not want to answer.
- The interview will be recorded and take about an hour. If you do not agree to being recorded, we will not do so, but will take written notes about the conversation.

### **Who will see the information about me that is collected?**

- The research team will know your name and have access to your information.
- We will do our best to make sure no one outside the study knows that you participated.
- Your name will not be on any of the information from the interview. We will label the interview transcript with an anonymous code. Only the co-PIs (principal investigators) and the Study Coordinator will have access to the key that matches names and codes.
- When we share the results of the study in journal articles or at seminars we will not include any identifying information.
- There are agencies who make sure the study follows regulations. These people may see study information about you. They are
  - National Institutes of Health (study sponsor),
  - Office for Human Research Protections,
  - UAMS Institutional Review Board,
  - Other institutional oversight offices.
- State law requires we tell the authorities if we learn about possible child or adult abuse or that you might hurt yourself or someone else.

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**Where and how long will my information be kept?**

- Names and contact information will be destroyed after the completion of the study. De-identified information will be kept for at least 7 years after the conclusion of the study on a UAMS secure server. Your information will not be used for any further research.

**Will I be paid?**

- Yes. We will pay you \$50 to thank you for your time. It will be mailed to you after the end of the interview. (If you receive more than \$600 in one calendar year from UAMS, we may send you a tax form if required by law.)

**Will being in this study help me in any way?**

- Being in the study may not benefit you, but may improve treatment of individuals with opioid use disorders in the future.

**What are the risks of being in this study?**

- The risks for this study are no more than what happens in everyday life.
- Someone could find out that you were in the study and learn something about you that you did not want others to know. We will do our best to protect your privacy.
- The questions could cause some distress if you are worried about confidentiality.

**What if I have questions?**

- Please call one of the lead researchers of the study (Nickolas Zaller, 501.526.6664), if you
  - have any questions about this study
  - questions about your rights
  - you have been injured in any way by being in this study
- You can also call the office that supervises research (UAMS Institutional Review Board) at 501-686-5667 if you
  - have questions about this study
  - have questions about your rights
  - want to speak to someone not directly involved with this study

**You are under no obligation but we hope you will agree to be interviewed.**