Colorado Medication Assisted Recovery



Medication-Assisted Treatment

Together, We Can Recover

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If you or a loved one is seeking help for addiction, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) can provide a path to recovery. Incorporating FDA-approved medications that reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms into a comprehensive treatment program can help people stay in recovery for longer periods of time. Through medication, psychodynamic and behavioral therapies, case management, and peer support, MAT can help patients reach their treatment goals. At Colorado Medication Assisted Recovery, we offer medication-assisted treatment programs focused on treating individuals with opioid addiction in Denver and the surrounding areas.

Call 833.448.0127 today to get started with MAT and to find out how we can help you on your journey to recovery. Our addiction treatment center can support you every step of the way.

What is Medication-Assisted Treatment?

Medication-assisted treatment is the use of FDAapproved medications, such as naltrexone and buprenorphine, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders. MAT works by reducing cravings and withdrawal symptoms that may lead to relapse. These cravings are often the result of changes in the brain caused by repeated drug use. MAT helps to restore balance to these areas of the brain and can help participants stay in recovery for longer periods of time.

One persistent myth about MAT is that it simply replaces one addiction with another. This could not be further from the truth. Medications used in MAT are carefully monitored and prescribed by a medical professional as part of a comprehensive treatment plan tailored to each individual's unique needs. When taken as directed, these medications do not produce the same euphoric effects as illicit substances.



How Does MAT Work?

MAT works by targeting the areas of the brain that are affected by substance use. Different medications may work in different ways, but they all aim to reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms. This can help patients stay in recovery for longer periods of time and focus on rebuilding their lives without being hindered by intense cravings.

Just a few of the benefits of MAT include:

- Reduced cravings and withdrawal symptoms
- Increased chances of successful long-term recovery
- Improved overall health and functioning
- Better engagement in counseling and behavioral therapies

At Colorado Medication Assisted Recovery, our experienced medical professionals work closely with each patient to develop a personalized treatment plan. This includes regular check-ins and medication adjustments as needed to ensure that the patient is receiving the best possible care. These individuals are often in a position to reap the most benefits from MAT. However, the ultimate decision should be made in collaboration with healthcare providers who can assess the patient's overall health, addiction history, and readiness to change. At Colorado Medication Assisted Recovery, we understand the unique challenges of recovery and work closely with our patients to determine the best treatment plan for their needs.

Who are the Best Candidates for MAT?

Medication-assisted treatment can be beneficial for any individual struggling with a substance use disorder, particularly those with an addiction to opioids. However, it's important to note that MAT isn't a one-size-fits-all solution. The best candidates for MAT are those who:

- Have a diagnosed substance use disorder, especially opioid use disorders
- Are willing to comply with all components of the comprehensive treatment plan, including medication management, counseling, and behavioral therapies
- Have attempted other forms of treatment and found them ineffective
- Are in good enough health to take the prescribed medications and can commit to regular check-ups

Medications Used in Medication-Assisted Treatment

As part of our MAT programs, we incorporate the following into treatment:

- Buprenorphine
- Suboxone
- Naltrexone
- Buprenorphine Medication-Assisted Treatment

One medication used at CMAR to treat opioid addiction is buprenorphine. Buprenorphine is an opioid with partial agonist and antagonist properties and is an FDA-approved medication for the treatment of opioid use disorder. Unlike other opioids, buprenorphine is safe to take for extended periods of time because it lacks the ability to provide the user with a euphoric experience. Buprenorphine has been shown to improve recovery rates, treatment outcomes, and treatment retention while reducing the chances an individual experiences an overdose or infectious disease related to substance use.

MEDICATIONS USED IN MAT AT CMAR

At Colorado Medication Assisted Recovery, we offer medication-assisted treatment (MAT) programs to help individuals struggling with opioid addiction. Our experienced medical professionals use the following FDA-approved medications alongside counseling and behavioral therapies to support long-term recovery.

BUPRENORPHINE

- Safe for extended use, buprenorphine lacks the euphoric effects of other opioids, reducing chances of overdose and infectious disease
- Clinically proven to enhance recovery rates, treatmen outcomes, and retention in treatment programs
- Relieves painful withdrawal symptoms that arise from the reduction or cessation of opioids

SUBOXONE

- Combines buprenorphine and naloxone to reduce cravings, withdrawal symptoms, and the risk of relapse
- Available in pill form, strip form, and as injectable Sublocade, which lasts for weeks or months Best used with psychotherapy for a comprehensiv
- approach to opioid addiction dreatment



Used to treat both opioid and alcohol use disorders

If you or a loved one is struggling with opioid addiction, reach out to CMAR today to learn more about our MAT program and how we can support your journey to recovery. Our team may recommend that you take this medicine alone (which is called Subutex) or in combination with naloxone. In either case, buprenorphine can relieve the opioid withdrawal symptoms that appear when someone abruptly decreases their opioid intake or stops using opioids altogether.

Suboxone Medication-Assisted Treatment

Suboxone is used to treat opioid dependence as well as chronic pain. Suboxone is a brand-name medication that combines buprenorphine and naloxone. The combination of these two medications helps to reduce cravings, withdrawal symptoms, and the risk of relapse. Suboxone should be used with psychosocial treatment as part of a comprehensive opioid addiction treatment plan.

Suboxone comes in a pill form as well as in strip form, both of which are dissolved under the tongue (sublingual). At CMAR, we also prescribe injectable Suboxone, called Sublocade. In fact, we are one of only a few drug addiction rehab centers in Colorado that prescribes Sublocade, and we are one of just a few qualified Sublocade injection locations in Colorado. Sublocade is hugely beneficial for certain individuals because it lasts weeks and even months, as opposed to days like regular Suboxone.

Naltrexone Medication-Assisted Treatment

Naltrexone is an FDA-approved medication used to treat opioid and alcohol use disorders. It works by blocking the effects of opioids, such as euphoria, sedation, and pain relief. Naltrexone binds to certain areas in the brain that are involved in drug reinforcement and helps reduce craving for a substance. It also blocks the effects of any opioids that may be taken after the treatment begins.

At CMAR, we offer both oral and injectable forms of

naltrexone. The oral form of naltrexone is usually taken once a day, while the injectable form (Vivitrol) is taken monthly. Vivitrol has been shown to reduce relapse rates among those in recovery from opioid addiction. We have seen tremendous success with Vivitrol, and it is a great option for those who are looking for a longacting medication that can help them stay on track in their recovery.

"Amazing company with an exceptionally kind staff! I interacted specifically with Kirstin who went out of her way to assist me in my time of need. Acute opioid withdrawal is no joke and Kirstin was very willing and able to help me find resources even outside of the company. Highly recommended for anyone needing addiction help!"

- Jamie L.

"The team at CMAR are caring and compassionate experts in the field of addiction. The facilities are warm, welcoming, clean and comfortable. I would highly recommend to clients or families seeking treatment."

- Briana S.

"Excellent dual diagnosis treatment center! Great, caring and compassionate staff. Would not send a loved one anywhere else!"

Anonymous

"I happily refer to Michael and his team at Colorado Medication Assisted Recovery! There is such an important need for the services CMAR provides, and their team is top notch!"

- Alexa H.

"Excellent facility with staff members that truly care and understand the experience of their clients. Highly recommend"

- Molly W.

"The owner Michael is the nicest most genuine person I've ever met in this field. He truly cares about helping the patients get better and making the transition as painless and easy as possible. The doctor is also very friendly and easy to talk to."

- Chris C.

Are MAT Medications Addictive?

One concern that many patients have about MAT is whether the medications used are addictive. While all drugs, including those used in MAT, have the potential for abuse and dependence, when taken as directed under medical supervision, they do not produce the same effects as illicit substances. Additionally, these medications are carefully monitored and adjusted by a healthcare professional to ensure that they are providing the intended benefits without any negative consequences.

Why Choose CMAR for Medication-Assisted Treatment?

At CMAR, we understand that recovery demands so much more than a mere medication prescription. Recovery is a challenging personal journey of incremental change. That's why medication is just a part of our approach.

One of the most valuable parts of our opioid addiction

treatment program is the co-occurring addiction and mental health programs we offer. We understand that many individuals suffering from substance use disorder may also suffer from other mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety. We guide patients in processing experiences that continue to negatively impact them. We look at the family system, social supports, and prior history of trauma or abuse. Finally, we help our patients find the causes of anger, fear, sadness, loneliness, and other trigger emotions and provide tools so they don't cause relapse.

While medication can help reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms, it's important to address the underlying factors that may contribute to addiction in order for lasting recovery to occur. That's where our comprehensive treatment approach comes in. Our experienced team of medical professionals, therapists, and counselors work together to provide individualized care and support every step of the way.

Call Colorado Medication Assisted Recovery Today

There's hope for a better life. If you or a loved one is seeking help for opioid addiction, CMAR can provide the support and resources needed to get on the path to recovery. Our MAT program incorporates medication-assisted treatment with psychotherapy, case management services, and peer support for long-term recovery. Don't wait any longer. Call 833.448.0127 or reach out online to learn more about MAT and our addiction treatment services in Denver and the surrounding areas. With the right support, you can take back control of your life.

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Where Addiction Ends and Recovery Begins

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