

Buprenorphine Patient Information and Consent

Patient: _____

DOB: _____

Address: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____

(if pregnant)

City, State, Zip: _____ Due

Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell

Phone: _____

Hilltop Pharmacy will NOT dispense Buprenorphine without written documentation of either:

1) Pregnancy or 2) Patient allergy to Naloxone.

Acceptable forms of documentation include: 1) physician chart stating the details of the allergic reaction or 2) lab results showing a positive pregnancy test.

Unacceptable reasons for the substitution of Subutex for Suboxone include: 1) Patient intolerance / side effects 2) "Allergy" written on the prescription and not accompanied by chart notes 3) No insurance or drug not covered by insurance.

Buprenorphine is an FDA approved medication for the treatment of people with heroin or other opioid addiction. Buprenorphine can be used for detoxification or for maintenance therapy. Maintenance therapy can continue for as long as medically necessary. Other approved treatments for opiate addiction include methadone, naltrexone, and counseling.

If you are dependent on opiates – any opiate – you should be in as much withdrawal as possible when you take the first dose of buprenorphine. Preferably, this takes place in the physician's office. Some patients find that it takes several days to get used to the transition from the opiate they had been using to the buprenorphine. During this time, any use of other opiates may cause an increase in symptoms. After you become stabilized on buprenorphine, it is expected that other opiates will have less effect. Attempts to override the buprenorphine by taking more opiates could result in an opiate overdose.

Combining buprenorphine with alcohol and other sedating medications is dangerous. The combination of buprenorphine and benzodiazepines (such as alprazolam, lorazepam, diazepam, and clonazepam) is highly contraindicated and has resulted in deaths.

Buprenorphine sublingual films / tablets or buccal film must be held / left in place until they completely dissolve. Buprenorphine will not be absorbed from the stomach if swallowed. If you swallow the medication, you will not receive the benefits of the medication and it may not relieve your withdrawal symptoms.

Federal law prohibits the transfer of this drug to any person other than the patient for whom it is prescribed.

Prescriptions should be correctly dosed as once daily dosing (i.e. 1 sl qd or 2 sl qd). BID dosing is NOT an approved regimen for Buprenorphine treatment. All prescriptions for any Controlled Substance will be checked against the Pennsylvania Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) database.

I have read and understand these details about buprenorphine treatment. I wish to be treated with buprenorphine.

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____

Physician Signature: _____

Date:

Please fax – 1) Chart Notes 2) This completed form 3) Copy of patient's drivers license to
412-431-2568.