

Pinnacle Treatment Centers Publishes Article On Medication Assisted Treatment For Opioid Addiction

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Mt Laurel Township, New Jersey based Pinnacle Treatment Centers recently published a blog post on medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction. Pinnacle Treatment Centers facilitates rehabilitation by connecting addicts with the necessary resources to help them overcome their addiction.

Melanie Eilers of Pinnacle Treatment Centers says, "Our nation is in the middle of a serious drug epidemic, with opioid addiction leading the way. Opioid addiction doesn't impact just the person who is struggling with the substance use disorder; the families—including parents, siblings, spouses, children, aunts, uncles, and cousins—as well as friends and co-workers will also suffer from the fallout of addiction."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2017, there were more than 46,000 drug overdose deaths from opioids. Deaths from synthetic opioids increased by 10% from 2017 to 2018.

Eilers says, "These are significant figures. Something needs to be done to stop this. On that note, there is hope. If you or someone you love is in the grips of an opioid addiction, you will know firsthand of the pain, the isolation and the constant worry it brings. No matter how far you or your loved one has progressed with opioid addiction, we can tell you that there is hope. Thousands of people just like you, who once thought recovery was impossible, now live productive, happy and vibrant lives that are free from opioid addiction. Thanks to advances of medical research, we now know that the most effective means to recover from opioid addiction is two-fold: evidence-based therapy and medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction."

Pinnacle Treatment Centers shares that medication-assisted treatment (MAT) can be used for various substance use disorders (SUD) within opioid treatment programs (OTPs). These programs offer both medication and behavioral therapy to help people overcome their addictions to all types of opioids, including heroin, prescription opioids and other synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. According to Pinnacle Treatment Centers, there are a variety of medications used for opioid addiction treatment. As each person is unique, so

is their exact course of treatment.

There are three FDA-approved opioid addiction treatment medications used in conjunction with evidence-based behavioral therapy to help those working to recover from opioid addiction. The three FDA approved medications are Buprenorphine (Suboxone), Methadone and Naltrexone (Vivitrol).

About Buprenorphine, the blog post says, "The most well-known of [Buprenorphine] is the brand name Suboxone. Suboxone is a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone. Buprenorphine is the active drug in Suboxone and works as a partial agonist opioid, meaning it mimics working like an opioid with reduced effects. In addition, it has what is called the "ceiling effect". This means that even with repeated doses, the effects level off, reducing the chance of dependency. It also helps with withdrawal and cravings, helping individuals stop using other opioids. Naloxone works as an opioid blocker."

The post continues, "Many have heard of methadone but often wonder how methadone works in treating opioid addiction. This drug is used to treat pain and dependence on opioids. It helps to reduce cravings and enables a person who is dependent on opioids to ease off of the opioid successfully. As with Suboxone, and all other medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction, it is effective when used with a comprehensive behavioral treatment program."

Finally, about Naltrexone (Vivitrol), the post states that, "This medication is used to treat dependencies on both opioids and alcohol. It works by blocking the effects of opioid receptors as well as reducing the cravings for opioids and alcohol. Because it helps to reduce cravings, this enables many individuals to sustain long-term sobriety and can help to prevent relapse."

Eilers says, "If you or someone you love is struggling with addiction to an opioid or another substance, please know that there is hope and there is help. Pinnacle Treatment Centers knows that overcoming addiction is a challenging process and vows to be there every step of the way in your recovery. If you are ready to take the first step, contact Pinnacle today and start a new life tomorrow."

Those who want to learn more about Pinnacle Treatment Centers and their services are welcome to visit the company's website. They encourage interested parties to get in touch with Melanie Eilers directly via email or phone. The company can also be reached through the contact form on their website. Pinnacle Treatment Centers maintains a presence on Facebook where they frequently post updates, share media and communicate with their patients.

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For more information about Pinnacle Treatment Centers, contact the company here:[Pinnacle Treatment](#)

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