# Local Treatment Center Shares What the ?Ceiling Effect? Means for Recovery

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Clean Recovery Centers has released a new article to provide a clear understanding of the ?drug ceiling effect?, a commonly misunderstood concept in addiction treatment and medication safety. The article clarifies what the term means, why it matters in recovery, and offers examples of medications where this effect is present.

As one of the largest dual diagnosis providers in Northwest Florida, Clean Recovery Centers in New Port Richey has the authority and experience to provide a clear understanding of what the drug ceiling effect really means. The article starts by addressing the confusion around the ceiling effect and how using it in terms of managing substance use disorder can create a stigma around medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in recovery.

?A drug ceiling effect means a medication reaches a point where higher doses don?t produce more of a specific effect, even if you keep taking more,? The article explains. ?Whether or not a substance has a ceiling depends on which substance and specific effect you?re measuring.?

Medications with the ceiling effect, such as buprenorphine, tramadol, non-opioids like Gabapentin, and antidepressants such as Zoloft and Prozac, are commonly used in addiction treatment. The article explains that these medications often limit the functions of substances in the brain. These medications are useful for satisfying brain receptors enough to limit withdrawal symptoms, preventing euphoria from being activated, and stopping illicit substances from taking effect.

The article also discusses the meaning of opioid antagonists and how they affect the brain chemistry regarding substances. The piece states: ?An antagonist is a substance that binds to opioid receptors but does not activate them. Instead of producing an effect like pain relief or euphoria, an antagonist simply occupies the receptor.? The article goes on to discuss that partial agonists like buprenorphine are the most effective in treating clients living with substance use disorders, citing the built-in ceiling effect that eventually causes euphoric effects to plateau.

The article explains that in some instances, taking an opioid antagonist too soon after a full antagonist like fentanyl can cause immediate symptoms called Precipitated Withdrawal. These symptoms can include shaking, vomiting, and panic, and can result in distress and an increased probability of return to use. To reduce this from happening, it is advised that clients wait to use opioid antagonists until they are in mid-withdrawal from a full antagonist before taking the MAT. In these cases, it is most effective to contact Clean Recovery Centers for a medically supported detox. Clean Recovery Centers states, ?This complex timing is exactly why starting buprenorphine is usually done under medical supervision.?

Clean Recovery Centers is dedicated to providing every client with the knowledge they need to make an informed, confident decision about their care in treatment. Clean Recovery Centers has always been community-first, relying on the effectiveness of its treatment plans and a deep understanding of a client's recovery journey to speak for itself among other recovery centers in Northwest Florida. For a deeper understanding of the process of medication-assisted treatment in their program, this article helps clarify the drug ceiling effect, and it reduces the stigma associated with the terminology, allowing for a better understanding of what clients may experience on their journey to recovery.

For a deeper understanding of Clean Recovery Centers' use of medication-assisted treatment, call (855) 381-6111 to speak with the care team and learn more about their treatment programs.

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