

Overcoming Barriers

Several statements about the barriers facing patients with opioid use disorder are listed below. Decide whether each statement is true or false, and then click the button that corresponds with your response. Feedback is provided in the right column.

Statement	True or False	Feedback
Opioid use disorder patients who cannot get their buprenorphine prescription filled have an increased likelihood of obtaining a new opioid prescription.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	 This statement is true. OUD patients who lose access to buprenorphine are more likely to obtain a new opioid prescription. ¹³
Opioid use disorder patients who cannot get their buprenorphine prescription filled are at increased risk of discontinuing treatment.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	 This statement is true. Pharmacists can encourage patients to stay engaged in treatment.
Opioid use disorder patients who cannot get their buprenorphine prescription filled are at increased risk of using non-prescribed substances.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	 This statement is true. When unable to obtain medications for opioid use disorder, OUD patients are more likely to return to use. ^{18,19}
Opioid use disorder patients who cannot get their buprenorphine prescription filled are at increased risk of an emergency department visit.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	 This statement is true. When OUD patients lose access to buprenorphine, they are at greater risk for needing care in an emergency room. ¹⁷
Opioid use disorder patients who cannot get their buprenorphine prescription filled are at increased risk of overdose.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	 This statement is true. Access to MOUD reduces overdose death risk. Overdose death rates are measurably higher in counties where residents have less access to buprenorphine. ^{2,20}
Opioid use disorder patients who cannot get their buprenorphine prescription filled are at increased risk of all-cause mortality.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	 This statement is true. OUD patients unable to access medications for opioid use disorder have higher rates of all-cause mortality. ²¹