CONDUIT
Consortium to Disseminate and Understand Implementation of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment

Expanding access to effective treatments for OUD

Opioid and other drug overdose is the number-one cause of accidental death in the U.S. Veterans experience opioid overdose at nearly twice the rate of non-Veterans. Effective medications are available for opioid use disorder (OUD), but Veterans’ access to these medications varies. The CONDUIT QUERI Partnered Implementation Initiative (PII) is supporting providers at VA sites to facilitate Veterans’ access to effective treatments for OUD (e.g., buprenorphine) and chronic pain across diverse settings through use of tele-health technology and referral to specialty services.

Provider Support at Over 50 VA Sites

A cross-cutting center compromised of diverse, experienced, multi-disciplinary experts in addiction medicine, addiction psychiatry, chronic pain, primary care, hospital medicine, implementation science and health economics, CONDUIT is working closely with multi-level stakeholders across VA to improve quality of care in this critical clinical arena for Veteran health and safety. Our implementation teams work with staff at local sites in a process called “Implementation Facilitation (IF)”, which is a set of strategies and tools to enhance adoption of evidence-based practices.

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Three Cores Support CONDUIT’s Mission

The Veteran Engagement Core includes 13 Veterans who provide feedback to ensure that efforts are Veteran-centered.

The Implementation Core supports all teams in implementation activities and evaluates implementation outcomes.

The Quantitative/Economic Core supports the assessment of key outcomes across all sites and quantifies the value of the IF efforts through measurement of implementation costs.

CONDUIT Outcomes & Goals

CONDUIT will assess outcomes including:
- Number of Veterans using and retained on medications for OUD
- Number of VA providers licensed to prescribe buprenorphine
- Opioid prescription dose for Veterans on long-term opioid therapy

CONDUIT goals include:
- Assess the value and impact of the work in terms of costs vs. benefits
- Develop and refine products that will expand Veteran access to medications for OUD

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