



Chronic Brain Disease/ Opioid Addiction Defined

- Aspects (i.e. co-morbidities)
- Treatment
- Mortality

Availability of Effective FDA- Approved Stabilizing Medications

- Clinical results of therapy
- Cost implications

Board-Certified Addiction Medicine Physicians

- Clinical treatment guidelines
- Physician licensure
- Specialized training
- Levels of care assessments
- Specialties: psychiatry, internal medicine, primary care

Barriers to Access

- Prior authorization
- Volume, dosage limitations
- Delivery mechanisms / outlets
- Payment/coverage delays
- Underuse
- Stigma

Non-Medication-Oriented Rehabilitation Programs

- 12-steps only
- Continuum of care required
- Stabilizing Medications essential to complete care

Federally Controlled Substances

- Safe prescribing
- Patient education
- Physician education
- Ultra-rapid opioid detox

Pharmaceutical industry involvement

- Public education

Workplace impact

- Ongoing treatment
- Stabilizing medications management on the job
- Discrimination

Public health/community impact

- Prescription > heroin transfer
- Mortality rates
- Co-morbid conditions

Special population impact

- Pregnant women & babies
- Adolescents