

TREATMENT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER

KNOW the FACTS

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Medications to treat opioid use disorder **improve birth outcomes**, making it less likely newborns will be born too early. Medications to treat opioid use disorder prevent and reduce the risk of maternal overdose and death.



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Medications to treat opioid use disorder, like methadone and buprenorphine, are administered or prescribed by medical providers to save people's lives. These medications help **stabilize individuals and support their treatment** so they can begin and sustain recovery.



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Using medications to treat opioid use disorder in pregnancy may cause newborn drug withdrawal, but it also **decreases the chances an infant will be born too early**. Being born too early can result in lifelong complications for infants. Meanwhile, neonatal drug withdrawal resolves within the first few weeks of life with proper treatment.

Medications to treat opioid use disorder improve outcomes for **both** moms and babies.

It's a fact.

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