



Public Health Addiction Services

For More Information Please

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View our Website at
www.healthynm.org
Under "Quick Links" click on
Buprenorphine /Suboxone

Opiate Replacement Therapy

PHR5 in Las Cruces has operated an ORT Program since July 2007, with currently has over 100 clients in treatment related to chemical dependency on heroin, methadone, or prescription painkillers. Staff collaborate with Project ECHO specialists for the Integrated Addiction & Psychiatry Clinic at UNMHSC.

NM Public Health Region 5 (PHR5) has a team of professionals to support Harm Reduction options for:

- Needle/Syringe exchange & disposal
- Overdose prevention training with Narcan/Naloxone dispensing
- Opiate replacement therapy (ORT) with Suboxone/Buprenorphine



The New Mexico Harm Reduction Act .

The Act was passed in 1997. Harm Reduction is any intervention, policy, or practice designed to reduce the negative consequences of drug use without requiring drug use cessation or abstinence.



Suboxone (trade name) is a semi-synthetic opiate with agonist and antagonist actions and is different from methadone:

- ◆ It may be prescribed by any office physician with a DEA waiver to do so; it is not dispensed daily from a special clinic with heavy federal regulations.
- ◆ Patients do not get a "high" when taking this medication.
- ◆ Patients may be weaned down or off this medication.
- ◆ The medication is not easily diverted for non-medical purposes since Suboxone contains both buprenorphine and naloxone.