



The *Physician Clinical Support System for Methadone* (PCSS-M) is composed of practicing health care providers and educators with expertise in methadone treatment for opioid addiction and/or pain. PCSS-M mentors come from across the country and work in licensed opioid treatment programs, pain clinics, primary care, and other practice settings. The PCSS-M is coordinated by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) in conjunction with other leading medical societies.

Participating PCSS-M physicians offer their experience and education to fellow physicians to help them successfully treat patients in their practice. PCSS-M physicians provide telephone, email and on-site support to those who sign up. The PCSS-M is a free nationwide program.

PCSS-M provides educational services to the entire array of health care providers prescribing methadone in an effort to increase the appropriate use and safety of this efficacious but clinically challenging medication.

#### The PCSS-M is designed to help with:

- Patient assessment and selection
- Initiating and titrating methadone
- Conversion from other opioids
- Dosing and patient monitoring
- Interpreting methadone serum levels
- Drug-drug interactions
- Methadone and cardiac conduction
- Minimizing risk of diversion and overdoes
- Management of co-occurring conditions
- Identification and provision of useful resources

#### How to get involved:

Getting involved in this **FREE** Nationwide network is simple. Please call, email or fax us.

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