

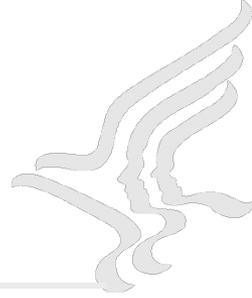
Module 3: Screening and Assessment

TIP Chapter 4

- Describe screening techniques to use at the initiation of MAT
- Identify procedures for admitting patients to MAT
- Examine how to handle information in a MAT setting
- Explore assessment procedures

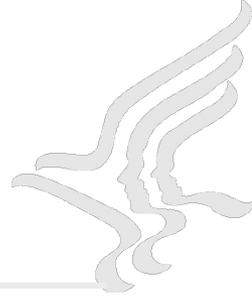


Screening Techniques: First Contact



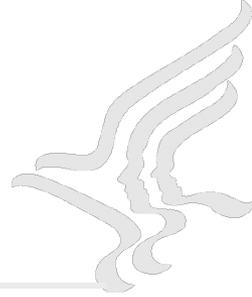
- Screening process begins with first contact by the applicant or a family member.
- This is the first opportunity to establish an effective therapeutic alliance.
- Careful planning contributes to positive MAT outcomes.
- OTP staff members should provide immediate, practical information.
- Staff should explore applicants' expectations and circumstances.

Goals of Initial Screening



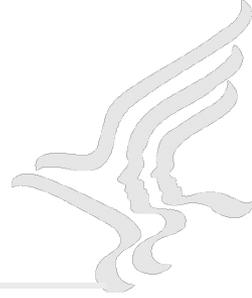
- Crisis intervention
- Eligibility verification
- Clarification of treatment alliance
- Education
- Identification of treatment barriers
- Identification of other medical and psychosocial risk factors

Screening Techniques: Emergency Care



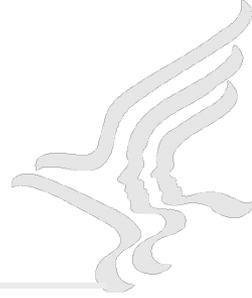
- Develop policies to address patient emergencies.
- Emergencies are most common during induction to MAT and the acute treatment phase.
- Refer patients with symptoms that could endanger themselves or others immediately, before they are admitted if possible.
- Identifying and assessing emergencies require familiarity with the components of a mental health status examination.

Screening Techniques: Suicidality



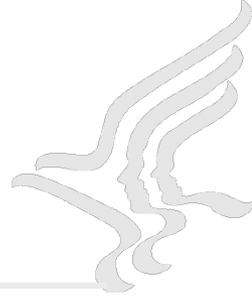
- There is a significant association between opioid addiction and increased risk of suicide.
- Initial screening and periodic assessments may determine whether applicants demonstrating suicide risk require additional services.

Screening Techniques: Homicidality and Violence



- Threats should be taken seriously.
- OTP staff members should be trained to recognize and respond to signs of potential violence:
 - Ask patients specific questions about homicidal ideation or violence
 - Document violent incidents, monitor records.

Admission Procedures



- Thorough timely enrollment in the OTP
- Timely admission and waiting lists
- Referrals
- Interim maintenance treatment
- Denial of admission
- Admission team