For help accessing Buprenorphine, methadone or other treatment services, call or stop in:

Robert Clewis Center
2124 Fourth Ave
(Fourth & Blanchard, downtown Seattle)
Treatment Access & Case Management: (206) 205-1074

the Robert Clewis Center
is a service of the
HIV/STD Program
Public Health – Seattle & King County

Needle Exchange is open somewhere in King County 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including most holidays.

LOCATION

DOWNTOWN Seattle
Robert Clewis Center
Public Health HIV/STD Program
(4th & Blanchard in Belltown)

CAPITOL HILL
Public Health HIV/STD Program
Lifelong AIDS Alliance
10th & Seneca St.
(North of Madison)

U-DISTRICT
People’s Harm Reduction Alliance
NE 43rd & Univ. Way NE
In the alley behind Post Office

SCORE
Public Health HIV/STD Program
(South County Outreach Referral and Exchange)

North & East King County
People’s Harm Reduction Alliance

Providers in King County, WA

Medicaid or State Insurance

Philip K. Capo, M.D. ☯ ☯ ☯
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Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 330-4888

Michael C. Brown, M.D. ☯
22504 Marine View Dr S, Suite 100
Des Moines, WA 98098
(206) 878-8000

Patrick A. Darby, M.D. ☯
13030 Military Road S, Suite 202
Seattle, WA 98168
(206) 835-0884

Jo A. Devey, M.D. ☯
3875 SE River St, Suite 9
Snoqualmie, WA 98065
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Benjamin Edwards, M.D. ☯
14335 Ball Road Bellevue, WA 98007
(425) 468-6123

Jon Berner, M.D. ☯
18500 150th St NE, Suite 201
Woodinville, WA 98072
(425) 461-0429

Gary Blume, M.D. ☮
19125 North Creek Parkway
Kent, WA 98011
(425) 646-2201

Robert Galak, M.D. ☯
Evergreen Clinic
13128 Toliton Lake Blvd NE, Ste 206
Kirkland, WA 98033
(425) 821-1810

Lindy Sue Griffin, M.D. ☯
Medical Dental Building
509 Olive Way
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 623-7940

Russell W. Faria, D.O. ☯
10216 SE 272nd St, Suite 103
Normandy Park, WA 98168
(425) 226-1793

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Radmond Family Care
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Self-Pay / Private Insurance

BUPRENORPHINE

What is it?
Buprenorphine is a prescription drug that is used to treat dependence on heroin and other opiates. It blocks withdrawal and craving. It can be used for both detox and long term treatment.

Two types of buprenorphine are approved in the United States:
- Subutex® (buprenorphine hydrochloride), and
- Suboxone® (buprenorphine combined with naloxone).

Subutex® is usually given during the first few days of treatment. Suboxone® is used more in the maintenance phase. Both come in 2mg and 8mg tablets or strips that are taken sub-lingually (under the tongue).

Buprenorphine is long-lasting. At normal doses, most people tolerate it well. But, like other opiates, you can become addicted to it.

Some advantages...
Doctors can treat patients with buprenorphine in the privacy of their offices, just like they do for other chronic illnesses like diabetes and high blood pressure.

Unlike heroin and methadone, withdrawal from buprenorphine is mild to moderate, but it can be difficult for some. Withdrawal can often be managed without the use of other drugs.

How can I get it?
You need a prescription from a doctor. But not all doctors can prescribe it. They must complete a special training. A trained doctor can help you decide if buprenorphine is a good choice for you.

This flyer lists doctors and treatment centers that can prescribe buprenorphine in Washington State. Some listed may not be taking new patients at this time.

Health insurance & financial support:
- Medicaid (☯)
- WA State Insurance (☯)
- Self-Pay (☯)
- Private Insurance (☯)

Alternative formats available upon request.
Buprenorphine may not be a good treatment for everybody. If you are taking depressant drugs (like benzos, sleeping pills or alcohol), buprenorphine can make it harder for you to breathe. Also, if you already have problems with your lungs, kidneys or liver, buprenorphine can have harmful side effects. So, if you want to get on buprenorphine, make sure you talk to your doctor honestly about your health status and any other drugs (legal and illegal) you are taking. 

CAUTION!
- If you crush Suboxone® and shoot it, the naloxone will kick in and put you into withdrawal. The naloxone won’t affect you if you let the tablet dissolve under your tongue.
- If you get buprenorphine on the street, make sure you are starting to go into withdrawal before you take it. If you don’t, the buprenorphine could kick you into full-blown withdrawal.
- Using benzos or alcohol along with buprenorphine can cause overdose.

How do I pay for it?
Buprenorphine is covered by Medicaid and ADATSA, but coverage is limited to 6 months. It can be extended for another 6 months. Some private insurance companies do not cover buprenorphine. Depending on your dose, it may cost $350 or more per month.

What if I’m already on methadone?
You can switch to buprenorphine. But, because the two drugs are very different, patients are not always satisfied with the results. If you think you might want to switch, start by talking to your counselor and the doctor at your methadone clinic. You will have to cut back your methadone before you switch. You can switch back if it turns out that buprenorphine is not a good choice for you.