

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)***

Some drugs of abuse have FDA approved medications for treatment. Medications take various forms and delivery options (pills, injection, gum, nasal spray).

Drug	Available Medications**
Opiates	Opioid substitutes such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methadone mimics opiates with fewer problematic effects • Buprenorphine (Suboxone) mimics opiates less abusable • Vivitrol, Revia (Naltrexone) counters effects of opiates
Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antabus(e) (Disulfiram) creates nausea when drinking • Vivitrol/Naltrexone: counters effects of opiates and alcohol with daily pill and extended release injection (monthly) • Campral (Acamprosate) counters alcohol effects
Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicotine replacement such as gum (Nicorette), patches, lozenges, inhalers, nasal spray • Bupropion (Zyban, Wellbutrin) counters effects of nicotine • Chantix (Varenicline) counters effects of nicotine
Cocaine	No FDA approved medication for treatment
Marijuana	No FDA approved medication for treatment
Amphetamines	No FDA approved medication for treatment

** There are other medications used for detox/withdrawal and in treatment (benzodiazepines for alcohol withdrawal that can also be abused; morphine for infants with NAS)

***All of the medications outlined above have side effects and used only with the knowledge and consent of a physician. Nonprescription use of prescription medications is a form of substance abuse that can create serious use disorders as has happened with opiate pain medications.