

To: All AMR Contra Costa County Field Personnel

From: Brandon Niven, Clinical Education Specialist

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Re: Buprenorphine Trial Study

As some of you may already be aware, AMR Contra Costa County is participating in an 18-month trial study of the administration of buprenorphine in the prehospital setting. This is a unique opportunity to take part in and help shape the future of care for opioid-addicted patients encountered by EMS who are suffering from opioid withdrawal, and is only the second such trial in the nation surrounding the administration of buprenorphine in the prehospital setting.

In addition to the initial rollout in East Contra Costa County, the trial study is being expanded to include all zones of Contra Costa County, and as such all full-time and part-time paramedics will be required to take one of the upcoming Buprenorphine Trial Study trainings. These trainings have been added in TeleStaff, and you will need to self-assign to one of the following dates and times:

Monday, January 18, 2021, from 0900-1300 and 1400-1800 hours via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, January 19, 2021, from 0900-1300 and 1400-1800 hours via Microsoft Teams
Thursday, January 28, 2021, from 0900-1300 and 1400-1800 hours via Microsoft Teams
Friday, January 29, 2021, from 0900-1300 and 1400-1800 hours via Microsoft Teams
Monday, February 1, 2021, from 0900-1300 and 1400-1800 hours via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, February 2, 2021, from 0900-1300 and 1400-1800 hours via Microsoft Teams
Thursday, February 4, 2021, from 0900-1300 and 1400-1800 hours via Microsoft Teams

The trainings will be conducted virtually on Microsoft Teams, which you will be able to join by using the following link: <https://bit.ly/2HXg060>.

Q: Since the training is virtual can I sign-up for or join a training while I'm working on a unit?

A: As this will be a paid training, the same restrictions apply as they do for in-person trainings: you must sign-up for a class on your short week and it must not conflict with your regularly scheduled hours.

Q: What type of device do I need to use in order to join the class?

A: You will need either a cellphone with a forward-facing camera and microphone, or a laptop or desktop with a webcam and microphone. If you use a cellphone you will be required to download the free Microsoft Teams app, and if you use a laptop or desktop Microsoft Teams will run in your web browser.

Q: I do not have access to any of the above listed devices. What should I do?

A: Contact Scott Newlin or CES immediately, as you will be required to attend the training in-person at Concord Operations.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact Scott Newlin or CES.