***Medication: Sublocade***

Most important information to know about Sublocade:

1.    Sublocade is buprenorphine in an injection, given to you monthly by  a provider here at OBC.

2.   Sublocade is released slowly after the injection, and, just like bupe under the tongue,  helps people avoid cravings for opioids.

3.   Sublocade is particularly helpful for people who have a hard time staying away from fentanyl despite trying buprenorphine under the tongue.  It is also helpful for busy people who are stable and forget to take their bupe daily, or travel a lot, or know they will need to go to be incarcerated.

4.   Just like with bupe under the tongue, there are different strengths of Sublocade.  Generally, people start with 300 mg, then after a few months, go down to 100 mg.

5.   The most common side effects of Sublocade are the same as with under the tongue bupe.  They include constipation, headache and nausea.  Some people get injection site itching or pain, an increase in liver enzymes or tiredness.

6.   Most of the time, insurance will pay for Sublocade.

7.   Sublocade is given by a short needle into your lower belly. The medicine feels like a jelly bean under the skin, and gradually releases medicine all month long.

8.   In order to get your first Sublocade shot, you need to be on buprenorphine under the tongue for at least a week.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, let us know!