

## ***Consent for Treatment with Buprenorphine/Naloxone***

*Please initial each statement after it has been explained to you and you understand it.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Buprenorphine/Naloxone is an FDA approved medication for treatment of people with opioid dependence.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Buprenorphine/Naloxone can be used for detoxification or for maintenance therapy.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that maintenance therapy can continue as long as medically necessary. It is estimated that I will be on Buprenorphine/Naloxone for at least 6 months.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand Buprenorphine/Naloxone treatment can result in physical dependence of an opioid. Withdrawal from Buprenorphine/Naloxone is generally less intense than with heroin or methadone. If Buprenorphine/Naloxone is suddenly discontinued, some patients have no withdrawal symptoms; others may have symptoms such as muscle aches, stomach cramps, or diarrhea lasting several days. To minimize the possibility of opioid withdrawal, Buprenorphine/Naloxone should be discontinued gradually over several weeks or more.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I am dependent on an opioid, I should be in as much withdrawal as possible when I take the first dose of Buprenorphine/Naloxone. If I am not in withdrawal, Buprenorphine/Naloxone can cause severe opioid withdrawal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that it may take several days to comfortably transition from the opioid that I had been taking to Buprenorphine/Naloxone. During this time any use of other opioids may cause an increase in symptoms. After becoming stabilized on Buprenorphine/Naloxone, the use of other opioid will have less effect. **Attempts to override the Buprenorphine/Naloxone by taking more opioids could result in an opioid overdose.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand that I should not take any other medications without first discussing with my health care provider.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand that combining Buprenorphine/Naloxone with alcohol or other medications may be hazardous. Combining Buprenorphine/Naloxone with medications such as Klonopin, Valium, Haldol, Librium, Ativan or other sedating medications may result in overdose or death.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the form of buprenorphine that I will be taking (Buprenorphine/Naloxone) is a combination of buprenorphine with a short acting opioid blocker (Naloxone). If the Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablet were dissolved and injected by someone taking heroin or another strong opioid (i.e., Morphine), it may cause severe opioid withdrawal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets/film **must** be held under the tongue until they completely dissolve, Buprenorphine/Naloxone will not be absorbed from the stomach if it is swallowed.

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Printed patient name

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Patient Signature

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Provider Signature

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