

To be eligible for methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone or slow release oral morphine agonist treatment, patients must meet DSM-5 criteria for opioid use disorder.

DSM-5 Criteria for Opioid Use Disorder

1	Opioids are often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than was intended	The presence of at least 2 of these symptoms indicates an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
2	There is a persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control opioid use	
3	A great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain the opioid, use the opioid, or recover from its effects	
4	Craving or a strong desire to use opioids	The severity of the OUD is defined as:
5	Recurrent opioid use resulting in a failure to fulfill major role obligations at work, school, or home	
6	Continued opioid use despite having persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems caused or exacerbated by the effects of opioids	MILD: The presence of 2 to 3 symptoms
7	Important social, occupational, or recreational activities are given up or reduced because of opioid use	
8	Recurrent opioid use in situations in which it is physically hazardous	MODERATE: The presence of 4 to 5 symptoms
9	Continued use despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem that is likely to have been caused or exacerbated by opioids.	
10	Tolerance,* as defined by either of the following: a) Need for markedly increased amounts of opioids to achieve intoxication or desired effect b) Markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of opioid	SEVERE: The presence of 6 or more symptoms
11	Withdrawal,* as manifested by either of the following: a) Characteristic opioid withdrawal syndrome b) Same (or a closely related) substance is taken to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms	

* Patients who are prescribed opioid medications for analgesia may exhibit these two criteria (withdrawal and tolerance), but would not necessarily be considered to have a substance use disorder.

Reference:

1. American Psychiatric Association. Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM-5.[™] 5th ed. Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc.

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