

Special Population Issues

Buprenorphine Summit

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Presenters

- ***Adolescents***

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- ***Pregnant Women***

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Indian Health Service

- Growing problem with opioid misuse and diversion
- Wide variation in treatment options for opioid dependence (none to full programs)
- Only two methadone programs
- Buprenorphine programs from individual providers to full vertical structures.
- 300 AI/AN villages/communities have NP/PA providers most with DEAs

PIMC Experience

- Over 1600 prescriptions since March 2003
- 70 active patients
- Onsite medical, laboratory, behavioral health and traditional practice
- Six providers but two provide 95% of the services.
- At least two IHS OBOT courses per year since 2002 (five in 2007)

First line on the informed consent

- No pill cures an addiction. This medicine will help you stay in treatment, and treatment is where healing begins.



