



Treating Opioid and Substance Use Disorders

Pathways to Care: Treating Opioid and Substance Use Disorders highlights action steps for providers to establish and follow an effective pathway to care for addiction treatment. The five action steps below are consolidated from the full paper, which you can find at www.NABH.org/pathways.



1

SCREEN INDIVIDUALS

Urge the medical-surgical community to take an active role in identifying patients with substance use disorders.



2

REFER AND ADMIT FOR TREATMENT

Conduct American Society of Addiction Medicine's criteria assessments to optimize the entire treatment continuum of evidence-based practices.



3

IMPROVE ACCESS TO MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT

Increase access to and use of all FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder across all levels and settings of care.



4

BOOST FINANCING

Increase sustained public and private funding to help address the nation's opioid crisis and bolster an effective addiction treatment continuum.



5

STRENGTHEN WORKFORCE

Expand education and training for all types and levels of addiction treatment and recovery providers.