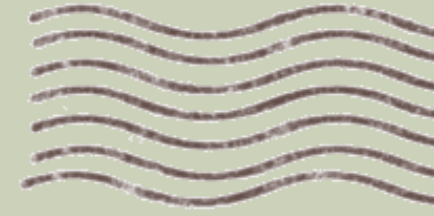


*A Postcard from the Field...*

# St. Joseph's ED Bridge Program



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*Safer Care and Better Outcomes*

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Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to share our project, the St. Joseph's ED Bridge Program. **Our ED Bridge program focuses on treatment, culture change, and connection with patients suffering from opiate dependency.**

**Our Program focuses on**

- 1. Getting patients started on buprenorphine in the emergency department**
- 2. Ensuring hospital culture is welcoming and does not stigmatize substance use**
- 3. Linkage to ongoing care involves active support and follow up with patients provided by the Substance Use Navigator.**

We have learned so much in the last 12 months and have continuously worked to create a patient centered workflow. We wanted to thank our Emergency Department staff and faculty for piloting this program into a now blossoming resource for patients struggling with opiate dependency.

**Our next steps are to continue to shape our program and fill any gaps in care that may arise.**

Sincerely,

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**ED BRIDGE**  
Emergency Buprenorphine Treatment



## ***What We're Hearing:***

**"I feel like I'm finally being heard and like someone cares about what I'm going through."**

**-Anonymous**