

Enterhealth: Pharmacotherapy (Anti-addiction medication)

Addiction to drugs and alcohol is a chronic disease that begins in the brain. Powerful chemical changes occur in the brain, causing cravings and driving each person to use, often overwhelming even the strongest desire to quit. In addition, because the body also becomes physically dependent upon the drugs and/or alcohol, abruptly stopping can be physically dangerous and cause harmful physical trauma.

Fortunately, amazing breakthroughs in addiction and medical science have greatly minimized and, in many cases, even eliminated risks associated with trying to quit drug and/or alcohol addiction. Much like other chronic medical illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma, certain medications in combination with behavioral approaches can prove powerfully effective. This medical and scientific breakthrough for addiction therapies uses highly advanced, proven anti-addiction medicines.

These anti addiction medication therapies:

- Block the effects of alcohol and/or drugs cause within the brain
- Significantly decrease cravings of the addictive substance
- Significantly decrease the physical effects of addiction withdrawal
- Block the "high" or euphoria from the substance
- In addition, they can help to heal some or all of the brain damage caused by past alcohol and/or drug use

Enterhealth offers the safest, most effective anti-addiction medications available, including:

- **Suboxone®** is also known as Buprenorphine and is used for withdrawal stabilization and ongoing treatment for narcotic addictions, including **heroin and prescription drugs**.
- **Vivitrol®** is also known as time-released Naltrexone and is an injection which lasts 30 days and prevents the client from getting drunk or feeling any high or euphoria from alcohol during that time. It also **reduces the craving for alcohol** up to 90 percent.
- **Prometa®** is used for addiction to **cocaine, amphetamine/methamphetamine and alcohol**.
- **Campral®** is used to restore the normal balance of GABA/Glutamate interaction – reduce cravings for **alcohol** and enable clients to feel calmer, more aptly handle stress, as well as enhance focus and concentration.
- **Antabuse®** is also known as Disulfiram and is used as a sensitizing or deterrent to **alcohol** use. It is sometimes used in conjunction with other drugs like Campral.