

Acadia Hospital Report on AR grant 4/30/07

Acadia Hospital's goal for the first year of the Advancing Recovery initiative is to increase the use of medication assisted treatment for clients with alcohol addiction in its outpatient psychopharmacology and counseling clinic. The primary method to create this change will be the use of the rapid cycle performance improvement model, designed by NIATx.

The hospital has formed a change team and collected baseline data on the number of patients in the outpatient clinic currently receiving medication assisted treatment for alcohol addiction (n=17). This number was higher than initially estimated by the change team, and included 8 patients receiving Campral, 7 patients receiving oral naltrexone, and 2 patients receiving Vivitrol. The first process change introduced was to create a template for getting Maine Medicaid approval to pay for Vivitrol, given that Vivitrol is not a preferred medication under Maine Medicaid's current allowable prescription formulary. The change started on April 18 and will end on May 9th. The expected outcome is an increase in the number of patients receiving Vivitrol. Depending on the results of the first change, we will either continue the change with necessary modifications for another 3 weeks (we anticipate that it may take longer than 3 weeks to see significant results) or move on to a second change, increasing provider knowledge of Vivitrol.