

# CHECKLIST for PRESCRIBING MEDICATION

for the treatment of opioid use disorder



**Assess** the need for treatment.



**Educate** the patient about how the medication works and the associated risks and benefits; obtain informed consent; and educate on overdose prevention.



**Evaluate** the need for medically managed withdrawal from opioids.



**Address** co-occurring disorders, such as other substance use or mental health disorders.



**Integrate** pharmacologic, counseling, behavioral therapies, and mutual social support.



**Refer** patients for higher levels of care, if necessary.



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