

# Roundtable Discussion 3

# Case Presentation

Wendy: Final Visit

# Final Session for Roundtable discussion:

- Visit #3: Wendy called for a refill of meds a week prior to this visit and this was denied. She did not attempt to taper her meds. She is upset. “You have no idea how much pain you caused me last week.” “I can’t take this anymore...my previous doctor was much better than you...you are making me get my drugs ‘on the street.’”
- Husband attends this visit and is demanding on her behalf.

- You obtain additional information from Wendy: Additional information reveals a past history of alcohol and methamphetamine abuse
- Her husband drinks to excess.
- Patient refuses a UDS today because she “doesn’t like being treated like a drug addict.”
- You explain to Wendy that you feel that she has Opioid Use Disorder and would like to switch her to buprenorphine. She and her husband are very angry and refuse to accept this diagnosis.

- Discussion:
- How will you remain compassionate in the face of Wendy and her husband's anger, denial, and treatment refusal?
- How do her family dynamics enter into your decision making?
- Assuming Wendy agrees to accept your diagnosis after some discussion, how exactly would you institute buprenorphine for her?



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