

The Grayken Center for Addiction at Boston Medical Center is committed to fighting the opioid epidemic that has affected communities around the country, and in our own neighborhood. To that end, we've continued to support the evidence-based treatment and research among our faculty and staff, and begun new programs and initiatives to counter the recent increase in morbidity and mortality among our patients and community.

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In 2019, BMC is committed to training clinical providers across departments to prescribe medication for addiction treatment under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000). This includes

hospital. In addition, our Addiction Medicine Fellowship is one of the first in the country to be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Given our longstanding expertise, several of our programs offer external training and education to other professionals and institutions. See: <https://www.bmc.org/addiction/training-education>

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In fiscal year 2018, we instituted a hospital-wide goal of having at least 90% of poG viders safely

and effectively manage patients with chronic pain, when appropriate, with opioid analgesics.

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From prevention to identification, treatment and recovery, BMC has a number of programs at each step.

The Grayken Center recently established a free phone line for parents worried about their children to call and speak with professional staff, here: <https://www.bmc.org/addiction> " . ct... m

BMC is expanding its protocols to engage more patients, with a hospital-wide goal to increase the number of individuals initiated into medication in the Emergency Department. In addition, we've established a bridge clinic, providing short-term medication for individuals before they transition to longer-term care.

Our treatment programs provide care wherever individuals interact with the healthcare system. Our programs include early identification (MASBIRT), the innovative nurse care manager model of Office-Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT), an inpatient Addiction consult service, special care models for young adults (ages 18 to 26), pregnant women, and new parents.

We are instituting an automatic naloxone prescription for patients at highest risks. In addition, all BMC pharmacies offer naloxone rescue kits to patients and staff under a standing order with no prescription necessary. We've eliminated the copay for naloxone for BMC employees.

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BMC researchers, including the CARE Unit, have published numerous papers on addiction, helping to understand the determinants of addiction, develop and evaluate new ways of treating addiction, and address societal barriers to recovery.