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## The University at Buffalo Commitment Statement on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic

The University at Buffalo (UB) is committed to combatting the opioid crisis by pushing the frontiers of addiction science through collaborative, interdisciplinary efforts and partnerships. UB's Clinical and Research Institute on Addictions (CRIA) leads university-wide research on addiction. Important research on opioids and other addictive substances spans the spectrum from basic science to clinical and translational studies, and health services research.

Our clinical faculty see firsthand the damaged patients who present to our emergency rooms, clinics and private offices – and our morgues. The Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences hosts one of the nation's first fellowships in addiction medicine as well as a fellowship in pain medicine, training future clinical leaders and researchers in the field of addiction. We are incorporating "Medication for Addiction Treatment" and "Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment" training in all its primary care and emergency medicine residencies. Continuing medical education has also been a major emphasis. Working with faculty in Family Medicine and the State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, CRIA has coordinated MAT training in high need counties throughout the state. In addition, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has developed an online continuing educational program focusing on pain management, palliative care, and addiction which is mandated for New York State physicians who prescribe controlled substances.

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