TITLE: Buprenorphine/Naloxone (Suboxone) Film versus Buprenorphine/Naloxone Tablets for the Treatment of Opioid Addiction: Comparative Safety

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RESEARCH QUESTION

What is the comparative safety of buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone) film versus buprenorphine/naloxone tablets for the treatment of prescription opioid addiction in adult patients?

KEY MESSAGE

One randomized controlled trial was identified regarding the comparative safety of buprenorphine/naloxone film versus buprenorphine/naloxone tablets for the treatment of prescription opioid addiction in adult patients.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2014, Issue 1), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. Methodological filters were applied to limit retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies (safety only). Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2009 and January 09, 2014. Internet links were provided, where available.

The summary of findings was prepared from the abstracts of the relevant information. Please note that data contained in abstracts may not always be an accurate reflection of the data contained within the full article.
RESULTS

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials and non-randomized studies.

One randomized controlled trial was identified regarding the comparative safety of buprenorphine/naloxone film versus buprenorphine/naloxone tablets for the treatment of prescription opioid addiction in adult patients. No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, or non-randomized studies were identified. Additional references, including information about the safety of children accessing the medication, can be found in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

One randomized controlled trial\(^1\) was identified comparing buprenorphine/naloxone film and tablets for the management of opioid dependence. The authors identified no significant differences between groups with respect to dose effects, adverse events, or treatment outcomes.
REFERENCES SUMMARIZED

Health Technology Assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Randomized Controlled Trials


Non-Randomized Studies
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Non-Randomized Studies

Exposure of Children


Buprenorphine vs Buprenorphine/Naloxone


Non-Comparative


Review Articles


Additional References


Suboxone Film Compared to Suboxone Tablets in Patients Addicted to Prescription Opioids