

Evaluating Implementation of Stepped Care for Opioid

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Use Disorder Train-the-Trainer (SCOUTT) Program

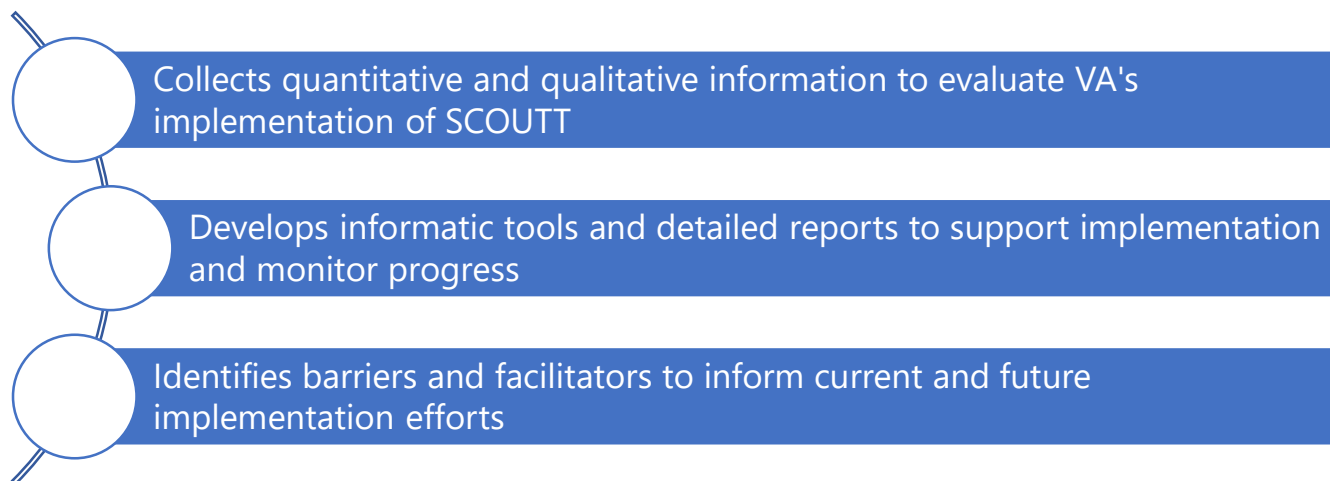
Evaluating VA's implementation of the SCOUTT Program

Working closely with the VA Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, our evaluation center uses a prospective, mixed-methods design to assess whether the SCOUTT program improves access to opioid use disorder (OUD) care and to identify barriers that inhibit and facilitators that promote its success.

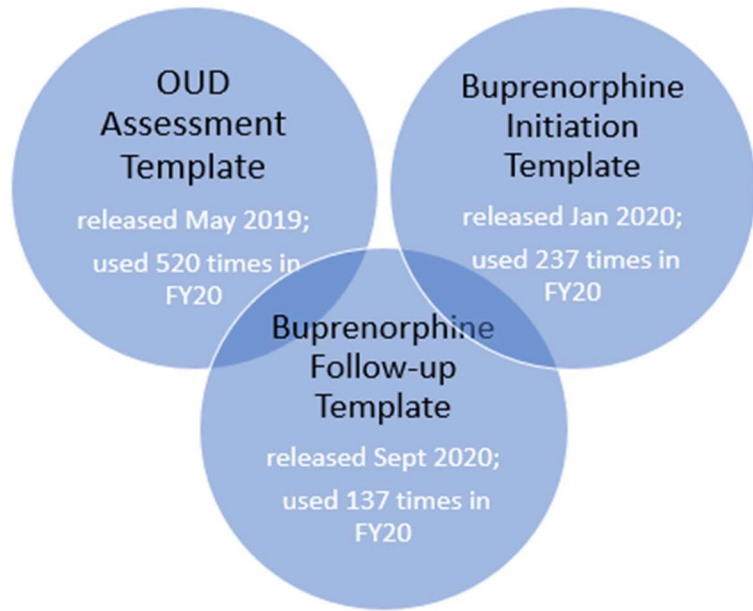
Developing Tools to Support Implementation

The increase in opioid prescribing is associated with parallel increases in overdose deaths and opioid use disorder (OUD). Our center is evaluating the implementation of VA's SCOUTT initiative, which seeks to spread a stepped care model of medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) nationally.

Guided by the Reach, Effectiveness, Adoption, Implementation and Maintenance (RE-AIM) framework, our evaluation center:



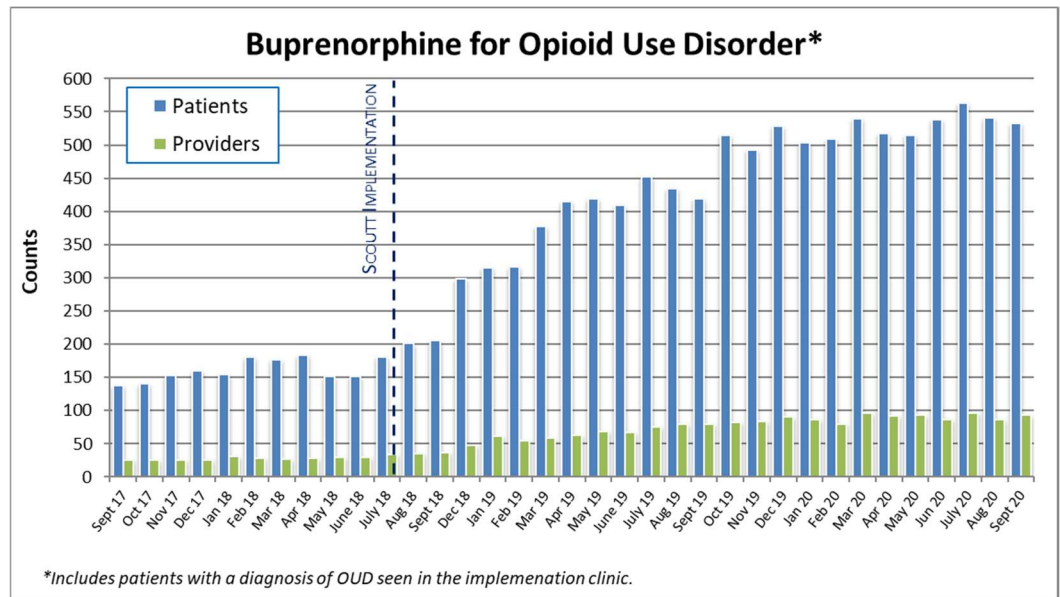
Our center developed **three informatic tools** to standardize MOUD care nationally:



Assessing SCOUTT Impacts in VA

VA has implemented the SCOUTT Program in 18 VA facilities representing all VISNs. Results from our evaluation center suggest:

- **164% increase** in patients with OUD receiving buprenorphine, a medication for OUD, in SCOUTT clinics.
- **169% increase** in providers prescribing buprenorphine in SCOUTT clinics.



For more information, check out:
<https://vaww.portal.va.gov/sites/OMHS/SUD/SCOUTT/default.aspx>

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