

Buprenorphine Formulations				
Delivery Mechanism	Generic Name	Trade Name	Advantages	Disadvantages
Transmucosal	Buprenorphine	Generic (formerly Subutex)	Effective, safe, low cost	Daily use; risk for misuse & diversion
	Buprenorphine/naloxone	Generic or Suboxone, Cassipa, Zubsolv, Bunavail	Lower potential for misuse & diversion	Daily use
Transdermal	Buprenorphine	Butrans	Approved for chronic pain management	Not approved for management of opioid use disorder; dosing for opioid use disorder not well established
Injection	Buprenorphine XR	Sublocade	Monthly instead of daily	Requires 7 days use of transmucosal buprenorphine prior to injection
	Buprenorphine depot	Brixadi	Different strengths allow weekly or monthly injections; only need single prior dose of buprenorphine prior to injection	Expensive; limited availability
Implant	Buprenorphine subdural implant	Probuphine	One dose every 6 months; may be useful prior to travel to places without access to buprenorphine	Most expensive; plasma concentration is moderate dose—8 mg

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