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**From the patient perspective: the value of treating opioid use disorder in family medicine**

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**Abstract:**

In 2017, less than 20 percent of individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) received any type of treatment. Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) is the delivery of care for OUD with buprenorphine-containing medications or naltrexone provided within the general medical setting. To explore the patient perceptions of care, we employed an opportunistic, convenience sampling methodology to complete brief, structured interviews with thematic data analysis for 30 of 57 eligible patients receiving OBOT in a rural, primary care setting. Participants' experiences with OBOT were generally positive and shaped by societal structures and institutions, their life before treatment, their treatment history, and the kind of care they received in OBOT. Participants discussed advantages of receiving OBOT in the family medicine setting including a flexible treatment schedule, the ability to discuss other healthcare needs with their provider, and accessibility. This research identifies ways providers can provide individualized and effective OUD treatment.