

Dr. Mitchell's Plan for Addressing the COVID-19 Emergency

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The President of the United States has enacted the Defense Production Act (DPA) which allows the federal government to nationalize corporations that produce critical goods and services needed to both combat the Corona virus and sustain the American economy. All manufactured goods, including pharmaceuticals, will be affected the the DPA.

Buprenorphine (Suboxone and Subutex) is synthesized from a compound called thebaine, which is also the starting compound for synthesizing pain medications such as oxycodone (Percocet), hydrocodone (Vicodine) and hydromorphone (Dilaudid). During this crisis, it is highly likely that pain medications needed to treat critically ill patients will be prioritized over addiction treatment medications like buprenorphine. Therefore, it is Dr. Mitchell's opinion that, if this crisis continues to develop, that in the near future, both Suboxone and Subutex will likely become limited on, or absent from, pharmacy shelves.

To address this possibility, Dr. Mitchell is aligning all his patients on weekly appointments during which each patient will receive a one week prescription -15 pills or films - of 8 mg Suboxone or Subutex. You are encouraged to come in every week for as long as possible so that you and all other patients in this treatment program can have access to this life-changing medication for as long as is possible.

Also, in the event buprenorphine is unavailable, Dr. Mitchell is attempting to educate all of his patients on how to do a rapid wean off of this medication if, and when, it becomes necessary. He will post his most recent wean schedule, and updates, on his website: www.Trafn.com