

Case

Managing Ms. Pane's Withdrawal

- You have determined that Ms. Pane is likely suffering from opioid withdrawal related to rifampin reducing plasma methadone concentrations.
- She is requesting a medication like she was prescribed after previous withdrawal to “make it stop.”



Medical Management of Opioid Withdrawal

- Pharmacologic withdrawal > abrupt cessation (strong cravings, continued use)
- Medical treatment includes medication-assisted therapy ± symptom-based therapy
- Ultra-rapid detoxification with naltrexone including under anesthesia may increase risk of adverse events (Cochrane Review)