

Evaluation & Management of Opioid Withdrawal

Agenda

- Mechanism of Opioid Withdrawal
- Diagnostic Criteria
- Medical Management of Opioid Withdrawal

Mechanism of Opioid Withdrawal

Acute Use

Drug binds to the μ -opioid receptor in the locus coeruleus \rightarrow inhibits cAMP

- \downarrow NE
- \uparrow DA
- \downarrow vascular tone, muscle tone, respiration

