



# MOMs in REcovery (MORE) Study

## Fall Newsletter



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### About the MORE Study

MOMs in REcovery (MORE): Defining Optimal Care for Pregnant Women and Infants is a 4-year, multisite comparative effectiveness study which compares the benefits of different models of providing medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder to pregnant women in northern New England. The project is funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

We believe that research about healthcare for any specific community should be done in partnership with members of that community. Therefore, our **Research Questions** address key issues raised by patients: *(1) Is there a clear benefit to mothers and babies from getting MAT in an integrated program rather than from a specialty provider? (2) What services help most to support long-term recovery?*

...and also, by healthcare clinicians: *(1) Do clinical and patient-reported outcomes differ between integrated and referral-based models for delivering MAT to pregnant and parenting women? (2) Within care models, what services are most associated with women's ability to continue MAT postpartum, and is this different for some women than for others? (3) Does the impact of different MAT models vary based on a women's mental health or addiction severity?*

About PCORI: The Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) was established through the Affordable Care Act to fund research that can help patients and those who care for them make better informed decisions about healthcare:

[www.pcori.org](http://www.pcori.org).

### Meet the Dartmouth-based MORE Study Team



Left to Right: Martha Bruce, Themarge Small, Katherine Seavey, Daisy Goodman, Sarah Lord, Steven Chapman, Julia Frew, Haiyi Xie, Bonny Whalen, Deborah Johnson (Mary Brunette, Karen Becker & James Ibey not pictured)

**We look forward to expanding with your team!**

## Welcome to Our Study Partner Sites

We are thrilled to be working with partners who provide maternity care in rural, semi-rural and urban areas in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, and grateful for the broad enthusiasm from across our region

Over the past month, we have been busy visiting and setting up calls with teams at partner sites and are looking forward to connecting with those of you whom we have not yet met.

In subsequent issues of the newsletter we would like to feature each study site team and location. Please send us your photos!



## Study Updates:

**Study Advisory Committee.** Our study governance includes a strong Study Advisory Committee made up of representatives from many key stakeholder groups, including advocates for women in recovery, and will be co-chaired by community partner. A study logo is being designed by the community partners.



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**Dartmouth Institutional Review Board.** The clinical record review protocol for the MORE Study has been approved by the Dartmouth Institutional Review Board. Deborah Johnson will be contacting partner sites who rely on their own IRB to collaborate on the local IRB review process.

**Website and Facebook Page.** Our website is currently under construction, with the collaboration and guidance of community partners from the Study Advisory Committee.



A MORE Study Facebook page: “MORE Project Community Connection” will go live later this month!

## *A Note from the Study Principal Investigators*

*We are honored to have this opportunity to work with our partner sites, patient and community representatives, healthcare providers, and other stakeholders to conduct this study of models of treatment for opioid use disorder for pregnant women. The knowledge generated through this research will help patients, providers, policy makers, and state Medicaid officials design and support programs that work. We are strongly committed to community engaged research, which means we will be communicating with all of our partners regularly, updating you about how the study is going, and asking for guidance about specific aspects of the study. The bi-monthly MORE newsletter is part of our commitment to keep our partners informed about this work. Let us know if you have specific questions or topics you would like to see covered here!*

*Daisy Goodman, CNM, DNP & Sarah Lord, PhD*

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