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- An advisory group of physicians and administrators with expertise in addiction and emergency medicine guided this project, with grant funding by Alberta Health, and in-kind evaluation support provided by AHS Analytics.
- The Addiction and Mental Health Research Hub and AHS Pharmacy Services have been key supporters.

While formal implementation work and program evaluation are coming to an end in 2021, initiation of bup/nal and referral to specialist treatment has become integrated into usual operations for ED/UCCs in Alberta. The bup/nal program is a strong model for SCN work, where uptake and normalization was facilitated at a provincial level in a standardized way, and work has now been transitioned to operations.

The ESCN is also supporting newly funded research by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, with support of community and other partners, to examine OAT within Alberta EDs/UCCs and with allied clinics during the COVID-19 pandemic.