

REAL TTIME

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A Message From Emily Kiernan, REAL TTIME Project Director

An overdose is a poisoning.
Call the Georgia Poison Center and immediately speak to an Addiction Medicine specialist for assistance with acute opioid withdrawal management, initiation of Medication Assisted Therapy (e.g., Suboxone [buprenorphine-naloxone]), and linkage to local Recovery Community Organizations for help with outpatient follow up.

GPC REAL TTIME Contact: 404-481-2323

REAL TTIME Data

55 Patients

- 90% of patients connected to a peer recovery coach in the ED
- 31% of patients still engaged with RCO at 7 days
- 27% of patients still engaged with RCO at 30 days
- 27% of patients with OUD started on buprenorphine in the ED
- 50% of patients with OUD discharged with a prescription for buprenorphine

Hurricane Relief

Natural disasters greatly impact patients with chronic medical conditions, including those with substance use disorders, by disrupting their social support networks, mental health care, and access to critical medications and harm reduction strategies. Relapse is common in these situations and people may not know where to seek safety. Call the Georgia Poison Center (GPC) for assistance.

Did You Know?

Did you know that joint commission has a new policy regarding provision of medicine for opioid use disorder? The REAL TTIME team can help ensure that your organization complies for this new requirement. To learn more visit:

https://www.jointcommission.org/-/media/tjc/documents/standards/r3-reports/2024/r3_report_moud.pdf

REAL TTIME Office Hours

For more information or if you have any questions, we invite you to join our weekly Zoom office hours. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, delve deeper into topics, and discuss any other concerns you might have. Our office hours are held every Wednesday from 12PM to 1PM.

Please use [this link](#) or the QR code to the left to join the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there and helping you with whatever you need!



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REAL TIME Sites

Georgia Poison Center

Original Sites: Tanner Health System - Villa Rica, Carrollton

Sites Added: Tanner Higgins, Taylor Regional Hospital, Bleckley Memorial Hospital, Jeff Davis Hospital

Potential Sites: Coffee Regional, Bacon County Hospital

RCO Spotlight

RISE UP

RISE UP Dublin is a community organization dedicated to supporting individuals on their recovery journey. It offers a variety of programs and services, helping peers discover the right pathway and providing support in any way possible. Whether that support is finding a provider, helping with transportation to an appointment, or simply providing peer-to-peer support.



About Ashley Black

Ashley Black is the Executive Director of RISE UP Dublin and is one of the Peer Recovery Coaches for REAL TIME. Having struggled with addiction for over 22 years, she faced challenges including encounters with the legal system, overdoses, and family issues. Now in long-term recovery for 7.5 years, Ashley uses her experiences to help others. She explained that not only does she help peers restore their lives, but her own life is also fulfilling because of her recovery. A lot of people don't know about the resources available though and it's important to get the word out. She said, "Everybody deserves a chance to recover, and everyone's recovery looks different." It's about finding the path that works.