



**PICTURE YOURSELF  
IN RECOVERY**

**EXPLORE COUNSELING AND MEDICATION  
TO TREAT ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE  
OR OPIOID DEPENDENCE**



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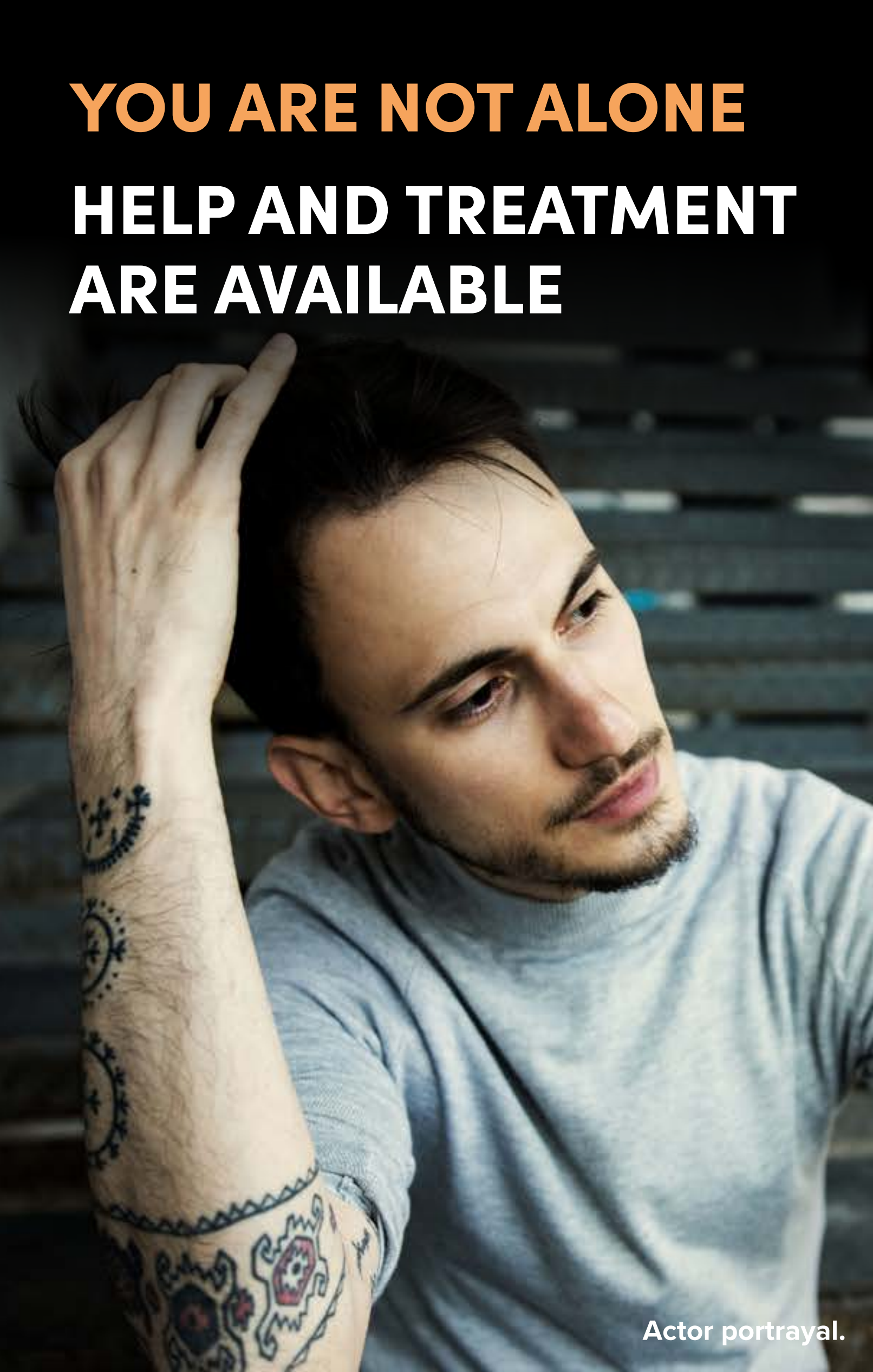
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**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**  
**HELP AND TREATMENT**  
**ARE AVAILABLE**



Actor portrayal.

Addiction is a vicious cycle many people struggle with

- Millions of American adults struggle with addiction
- This disease includes addiction to substances like alcohol and drugs
- Addiction can make you feel tense and can seem overwhelming

What brought you here today?

ADDICTION CAN AFFECT ANYONE  
OF ANY **AGE, RACE, ETHNICITY,**  
OR **GENDER**

EVERYONE'S JOURNEY  
IS **DIFFERENT**

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IT'S IMPORTANT  
TO REMEMBER  
THERE IS HOPE



Actor portrayal.

# Addiction is not a personal failure

- Addiction is not a choice
- It is a chronic **disease of the brain**
- There are treatments available that can help you take positive steps toward recovery

How would you describe the disease of addiction?

TO UNDERSTAND ADDICTION,  
IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND  
**HOW YOUR BRAIN WORKS**

# YOUR BRAIN AND ADDICTION



Actor portrayal.

Knowing where addiction happens in the brain may help you and your healthcare professional make treatment choices

## THERE ARE TWO PARTS OF THE BRAIN THOUGHT TO BE CONNECTED WITH ADDICTION

The **cortex** (outer layer of your brain) helps you do important things like think and plan, make decisions, and use reason to solve problems.

When you talk with a **counselor**, it's this **cortex** part of your brain that's at work.



The **limbic system** (part of the brain involved in behavior and emotions) makes you feel basic urges and drives, including feelings of happiness or satisfaction.

**Medication** for addiction targets this **limbic** part of your brain to treat addiction's physical effects on the body.

Do you feel like your urges are taking over your thoughts?



# WHY IS IT SUCH A STRUGGLE TO QUIT USING?



Actor portrayal.

## Your brain forms habits, good and bad

- Your brain creates habits around things you enjoy doing and avoids things that cause stress
- Habits can be hard to break because our brains are wired to repeat them
- Without you even knowing it, these habits can become **harmful and overwhelming**

How do you feel when trying to avoid alcohol or drugs?





# SOMETIMES, HABITS CAN LEAD TO ADDICTION



Actor portrayal.

## Dopamine's effects can hijack your brain

- **Dopamine**, a substance in your brain, gets released and makes you feel good when you do something you like
- This lets the brain know an activity is important to remember and can lead to cravings
- Intense cravings sometimes cause people to lose control and make bad choices, potentially hurting themselves and others

Have you found that willpower is not enough to overcome addiction?





# YOU'RE IN THE **RIGHT PLACE** TODAY TO TALK ABOUT ADDICTION



Actor portrayals.

## Medication combined with counseling is a proven approach to treating addiction

- Medication-assisted treatment and counseling provide a **whole-patient approach**
- Medication along with counseling may **help make changes to how your brain functions**, so you can work your recovery program

Would you like to find out more about medication-assisted treatment?

MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT  
IS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
**US SURGEON GENERAL**







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ALONG WITH COUNSELING,  
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# WHAT IS VIVITROL® AND HOW CAN IT HELP YOU?

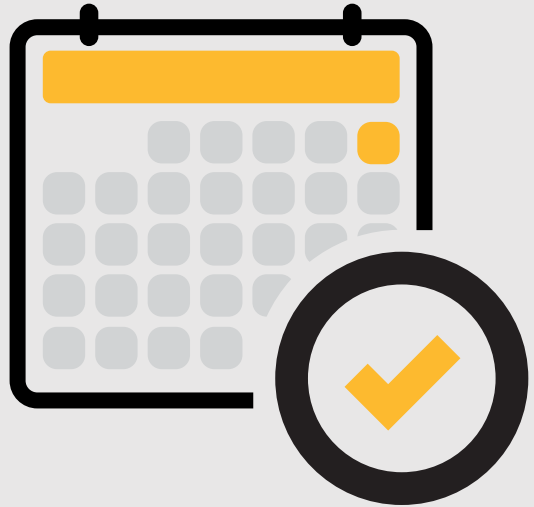


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## Learn about a once-monthly, extended-release treatment option for alcohol dependence and opioid dependence

- VIVITROL is a shot of **naltrexone medication** that is given by a healthcare professional once a month
- VIVITROL **lasts up to 1 month**—that's one less daily treatment decision—as you work your recovery program
- VIVITROL has been prescribed for alcohol dependence since 2006 and opioid dependence since 2010
- Do not receive VIVITROL if you are using or have a physical dependence on opioid-containing medicines or opioid street drugs, such as heroin, are having opioid withdrawal symptoms, or are allergic to naltrexone

ONE SHOT **ONCE A MONTH**  
WITH COUNSELING



AS PART OF YOUR RECOVERY

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

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- **Risk of opioid overdose (continued)**
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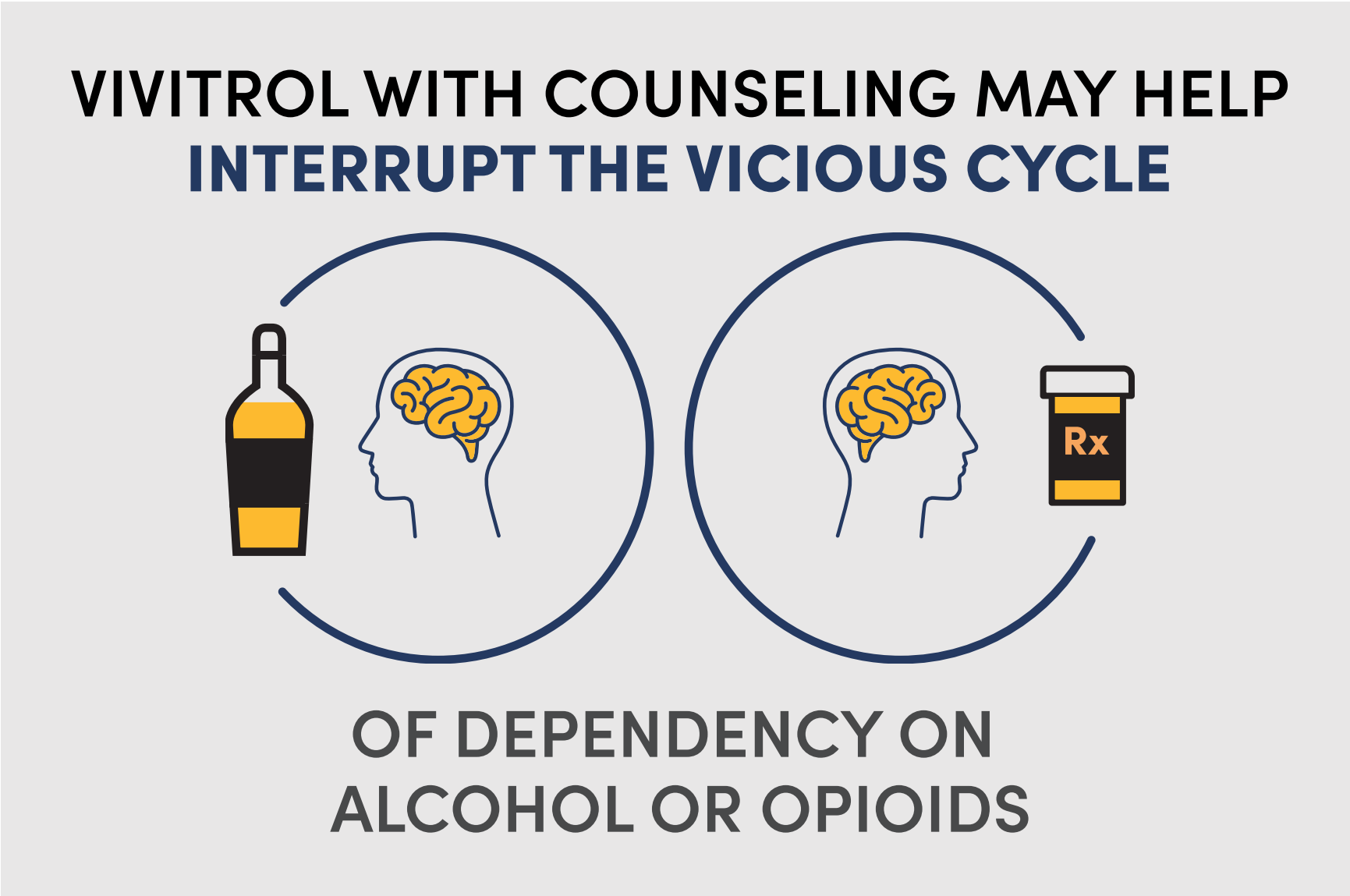
HOW DOES  
VIVITROL®  
WORK?



Actor portrayals.

VIVITROL and counseling may help interrupt the patterns of alcohol or opioid dependence

- VIVITROL contains naltrexone, which is a blocking medication. This blocking helps prevent you from feeling the effects of alcohol and opioids
- VIVITROL is not habit-forming and is non-narcotic
- VIVITROL does not cause an unpleasant disulfiram-like reaction (such as vomiting) as a result of using opioids or drinking alcohol



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

VIVITROL can cause serious side effects, including:

- **Risk of opioid overdose (continued)**
  - Tell your family and the people closest to you of this increased sensitivity to opioids and the risk of overdose.
  - **Talk to your healthcare provider about naloxone, a medicine that is available to patients for the emergency treatment of an opioid overdose.**
  - **Call 911 or get emergency medical help right away in all cases of known or suspected opioid overdose, even if naloxone is administered.**

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# WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE YOUR BRAIN AND BODY?



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## VIVITROL® binds to receptors, blocking the effects of opioid—and possibly alcohol—use

### THE BRAIN AND ALCOHOL USE

Endorphin  
(Naturally Occurring Opioid)

Opioid Receptor

Alcohol use may cause a release of naturally occurring opioids called **endorphins** that bind to opioid receptors, contributing to the euphoric effects of alcohol use.

### THE BRAIN AND OPIOID USE

Opioid

When **opioid** drugs are used, they bind to your body's opioid receptors, relieving pain and producing euphoria.

### VIVITROL TREATMENT

VIVITROL

**VIVITROL** works by binding to these opioid receptors, blocking endorphins and opioids so that you don't feel their effects. Do not try to overcome this blocking effect by taking large amounts of opioids—this can lead to serious injury, coma, or death.

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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

- **Severe reactions at the site of injection.** Some people on VIVITROL have had severe injection site reactions, including tissue death. VIVITROL must be injected by a healthcare provider. Call your healthcare provider right away if you notice any of the following at the injection site: intense pain, the area feels hard, large area of swelling, lumps, blisters, an open wound, a dark scab, or any reaction that concerns you, gets worse over time or does not get better within two weeks.

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# CAN VIVITROL® HELP YOU WITH ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE?



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## VIVITROL and counseling may help reduce your drinking

PATIENTS IN AN OUTPATIENT SETTING HAD  
**FEWER HEAVY  
DRINKING DAYS  
PER MONTH\***  
WITH VIVITROL AND COUNSELING  
VS PLACEBO AND COUNSELING



\* Heavy drinking days were defined as 5 or more drinks per day for men and 4 or more drinks per day for women.

- In a clinical study of 624 patients with alcohol dependence, those who received VIVITROL and counseling had 25% fewer heavy drinking days per month\* compared with those who received a placebo (injection without medication) and counseling
- Patients were studied for 6 months in an outpatient setting
- Common side effects of VIVITROL may include nausea, sleepiness, headache, dizziness, vomiting, decreased appetite, painful joints, muscle cramps, cold symptoms, trouble sleeping, and toothache

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
VIVITROL STUDY RESULTS  
FOR ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE,  
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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

- **Sudden opioid withdrawal.** To avoid sudden opioid withdrawal, you must stop taking any type of opioid, including street drugs; prescription pain medicines; cough, cold, or diarrhea medicines that contain opioids; or opioid-dependence treatments, including buprenorphine or methadone, **for at least 7 to 14 days** before starting VIVITROL. If your doctor decides that you don't need to complete detox first, he or she may give you VIVITROL in a medical facility that can treat sudden opioid withdrawal. **Sudden opioid withdrawal can be severe and may require hospitalization.**

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# CAN VIVITROL<sup>®</sup> HELP YOU WITH OPIOID DEPENDENCE?



Actor portrayal.

## VIVITROL and counseling may help to prevent relapse to opioid dependence, after opioid detoxification

MORE PATIENTS WERE  
**OPIOID-FREE**  
WITH VIVITROL AND  
COUNSELING VS PLACEBO  
AND COUNSELING\*



\* Opioid-free was defined as a negative urine drug test for opioids and no self-reported opioid use during weeks 5 to 24. Patients received individual drug counseling every other week.

- In a 6-month clinical study of 250 patients with opioid dependence who completed opioid detoxification, 36% of patients who received VIVITROL and counseling were opioid-free versus 23% of patients with placebo (injection with no medication) and counseling\*
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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

- **Liver damage or hepatitis.** Naltrexone, the active ingredient in VIVITROL, can cause liver damage or hepatitis. Tell your healthcare provider if, during treatment, you have stomach area pain lasting more than a few days, dark urine, yellowing of the whites of your eyes, or tiredness. Your healthcare provider may need to stop treatment.

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IS VIVITROL®  
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BY YOUR  
INSURANCE?

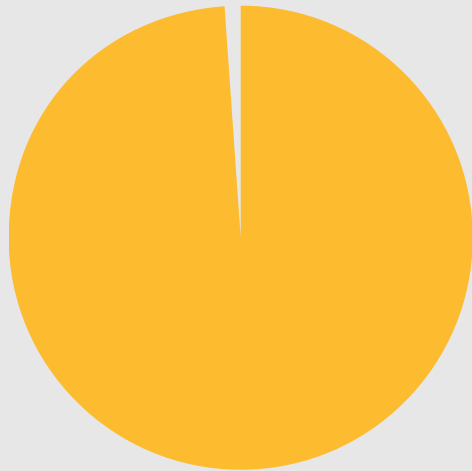


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Almost all insured patients are covered for VIVITROL\*

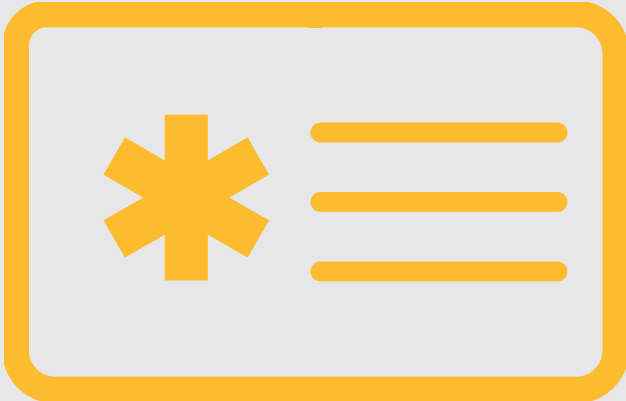
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WITH ANY INSURANCE  
(INCLUDING MEDICAID)  
ARE COVERED  
FOR VIVITROL\*

\*Current as of April 2023.



9 OUT OF 10  
VIVITROL PATIENTS  
PAY LESS  
THAN \$5  
OUT OF POCKET†

†99% of Medicaid patients pay \$4 or less.



The VIVITROL Co-pay Savings Program‡ for commercial insurance  
and patients with no insurance

Eligible patients save up to \$500 a month by using the VIVITROL Co-pay Savings Program. The VIVITROL Co-pay Savings Program may assist eligible patients with commercial insurance and those with no insurance pay out-of-pocket costs for their VIVITROL prescriptions.

‡Terms and Conditions

Eligible patients who have commercial insurance or no insurance may pay as little as \$0 per prescription of VIVITROL. Maximum savings per prescription is \$500 up to 12 prescriptions per calendar year, with maximum savings up to \$6,000 per calendar year. Patients' out-of-pocket expenses may vary. Offer not valid for patients enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid, or other federal or state healthcare programs. Additional terms and conditions apply.

Please see [www.vivitrolcopayterms.com](http://www.vivitrolcopayterms.com) for full VIVITROL Co-pay Program Terms and Conditions.

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Alcohol  
Dependence



Opioid  
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YOU DON'T  
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Get support with Vivitrol2gether® patient support services\*



Get **customized support** answering VIVITROL® questions



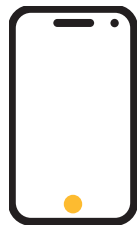
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Verify your **insurance coverage**



Learn about **transition of care** coordination



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\*A Vivitrol2gether® Coordinator does not provide medical advice or individual patient care.

EXPLORE REAL VIVITROL PATIENT STORIES OF RECOVERY†



“ VIVITROL and counseling have been part of my recovery journey... There are second chances. ”

Saryna's story of alcohol dependence and her experience with VIVITROL and counseling.



“ I wish I had heard about VIVITROL sooner... Having hope is the greatest thing in the world. ”

Ben's story of opioid dependence and his experience with VIVITROL and counseling.



†Former patients who received VIVITROL and were compensated for their time.

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- are having opioid withdrawal symptoms which may include anxiety, sleeplessness, yawning, fever, sweating, teary eyes, runny nose, goose bumps, shakiness, hot or cold flushes, muscle aches, muscle twitches, restlessness, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, or stomach cramps.
- are allergic to naltrexone or any of the ingredients in VIVITROL or the liquid used to mix VIVITROL (diluent).

## Before you receive VIVITROL, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have liver problems, use or abuse street drugs, have hemophilia or other bleeding problems, have kidney problems, or have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if VIVITROL will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding. It is not known if VIVITROL passes into your milk, and if it can harm your baby. Naltrexone, the active ingredient in VIVITROL, is the same active ingredient in tablets taken by mouth that contain naltrexone. Naltrexone from tablets passes into breast milk. Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you will breastfeed or take VIVITROL. You should not do both.

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take any opioid-containing medicines for pain, cough or colds, or diarrhea.

**If you are being treated for alcohol dependence but also use or are addicted to opioid-containing medicines or opioid street drugs, it is important that you tell your healthcare provider before starting VIVITROL® to avoid having sudden opioid withdrawal symptoms when you start VIVITROL treatment.**

## What should I avoid while receiving VIVITROL?

Do not drive a car, operate machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how VIVITROL affects you. VIVITROL may make you feel dizzy and sleepy.

## VIVITROL can cause other serious side effects, including:

- **Depressed mood**, which can sometimes lead to suicide, or suicidal thoughts, and suicidal behavior. You, a family member, or the people closest to you should call your healthcare provider right away if you have these thoughts or symptoms especially if they are new, worse, or worry you.
- **Pneumonia** caused by an allergic reaction. If this type of pneumonia happens to you, you may need to be treated in the hospital.
- **Serious allergic reactions** that can happen during or soon after an injection of VIVITROL. Tell your healthcare provider or get medical help right away if you have any of these symptoms, skin rash; swelling of your face, eyes, mouth, or tongue; trouble breathing or wheezing; chest pain; feeling dizzy or faint.

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

**Common side effects of VIVITROL® may include** nausea, sleepiness, headache, dizziness, vomiting, decreased appetite, painful joints, muscle cramps, cold symptoms, trouble sleeping, toothache

**These are not all the side effects of VIVITROL.** Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. You are encouraged to report all side effects to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch), or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

**Read the Medication Guide, which is available at [vivitrol.com](http://vivitrol.com) and by calling 1-800-848-4876, option #1.**

**Please see full Prescribing Information and Medication Guide available at this presentation.**



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