

2022 DRT/MAT Survey

The 2018 World Service Conference adopted a motion charging NA World Services with creating a project plan for a new piece of recovery literature for members about DRT/MAT as it relates to NA. This survey is an important step in the process.

As medically assisted treatment has become a standard practice for the treatment of addiction, those coming to our rooms are often on DRT/MAT. Our challenge, as a Fellowship, is how to welcome these members so that they are able to make an informed decision for themselves and come to know that drug free recovery in NA is possible. You may want to read the PR pamphlet [Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment](#) before completing this survey or holding local discussions. (You can find it posted in seven languages at the bottom of this page www.na.org/pr)

We understand that addicts whose path is medically assisted treatment may hear many messages in NA meetings. Some NA meetings make no distinction as to whether those receiving medication to treat addiction may share in a meeting, while other NA meetings limit the participation of those who are taking this type of medication. Each group is free to make its own decision on recovery meeting participation and involvement in group services for those receiving medication assistance for drug addiction.

(PR pamphlet *Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment*)

As a Fellowship, we have had energetic and interesting discussions that have illustrated the different practices among NA meetings (both virtual and in-person) and service bodies about this issue. The input gathered from the earlier discussions stressed the importance of welcoming all addicts to meetings and encouraging new members to connect with other members to gain an understanding of NA, and it emphasized that NA is a program of complete abstinence. Our Third Tradition reminds us that the only requirement for membership in NA is a desire to stop using.

The World Board has been following this discussion and attempting to gather the Fellowship's thoughts and ideas for what to include in a piece of NA recovery literature about this topic, as we have been asked to do by the WSC.

Tradition Ten restricts NA, as a fellowship, from stating opinions on outside issues. However, it places no such restriction on the individual member. (It Works, "Tradition Ten")

Our hope is that those who receive medication to treat addiction will come to meetings and listen to people who are recovering. Through listening and through asking questions before and after meetings, attendees may gain a better understanding of NA and what it has to offer. NA offers a community and a lifestyle that supports staying clean, and NA may be compatible for addicts on medically assisted protocols if they have a desire to become clean one day.

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1. What main points do you think need to be conveyed in a recovery IP about DRT/MAT as it relates to NA?

(separating your thoughts and ideas helps us)

2. How do the meetings you attend welcome those on DRT/MAT?

3. Does your meeting make any statements about who can or cannot share? Yes No (please circle one)

If yes, what are they? _____

4. Do you personally believe someone on DRT/MAT should share in an NA meeting? Yes No (please circle one)

5. Do you have experience sponsoring someone on DRT/MAT? Yes No (please circle one)

6. Are you willing to sponsor an addict on DRT/MAT? Yes No (please circle one)

7. Did you come to NA while on DRT/MAT? Yes No (please circle one)

If yes, please share some of your experience and consider providing your email address at the end

8. Do you believe those on DRT/MAT can hold service positions at a meeting level? Yes No (please circle one)

9. Do you have any additional thoughts about what you believe should be included in a new IP?

I am answering this as a: Member Group or Meeting Service Body (please circle one)

I live in (Country/State) _____

I am willing to be contacted for more experience if needed:

(provide email address) _____

These questions are posted in an online survey on www.na.org/survey until the end of November 2022.
Please use the link as it helps us to collect your input.