

**Are you starting treatment  
for opioid use?**

## **Participate in the HOMER project!**

**Help others  
who will need  
treatment in  
the future!**

**Get  
paid  
\$200!**

### **What is HOMER about?**

This research project will help clinical care teams and patients better understand which option for starting treatment works best based on a patient's unique needs!

Your doctor will explain the process of starting treatment. Treatment can start:

1. at the clinic
2. at home (not at clinic), with a plan that you follow
3. with your doctor using phone calls or video contact, but not at the clinic

### **What will you be asked to do?**

- Agree to be randomly assigned (like the flip of a coin) to one of the three induction options.
- Complete a 40-minute survey before you start treatment.
- Complete a 20-minute survey 3 times (at 1 month, 3 months, and 9 months) after starting treatment.

**HOMER can help future  
patients receive the  
best care. YOUR  
participation will help!**



## What will you receive?

You will receive a \$50 gift card for each survey you complete.

That's up to \$200!



## Can you participate?

- Are you 16 years old or older?
- Are you seeking treatment with Buprenorphine/Suboxone for your opioid use?
- Do you agree to be randomly assigned to start your treatment using one of the three ways?
- Do you have access to a phone and/or internet?

**If you said "YES" to these questions, contact us!**

## HOMER Facts

- Is a national research study with 1,200 people participating!
- Compares how 3 approaches to starting treatment with buprenorphine influence long term success for people with opioid dependence or use disorder.
- Stands for "Home vs Office vs Telehealth for Medication Enhanced Recovery".
- Is funded by the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

**Contact Us! Help improve treatment for future patients!**

**Call: 844-730-1737**

**Email: [homer@aafp.org](mailto:homer@aafp.org)**



**Study Title:** Comparing Office, Home, and Telehealth Induction for Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (HOMER study)

**Principal Investigator:** Linda Zittleman, MSPH

**COMIRB No:** 20-1692

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You are being asked to be in this research study because you are age 16 years or older, you have been identified by your primary care clinician as having opioid dependence or opioid use disorder (OUD), and you have agreed to receive medication assisted treatment (MAT) with buprenorphine.

If you join the study, you will participate in the following study activities over a nine-month period.

- **Randomization:** You will be randomly assigned (by chance, like the flip of a coin) to one of three study groups – to begin your MAT with an induction at your clinic, at home, or at home via telehealth (phone or video contact with your care team). All of these options are standard care provided by your clinician and practice team.
- **Surveys:** You will be asked to complete a set of surveys when you begin treatment, one month later, three months later, and nine months later. The surveys can be done on-line, by mail, or by phone and will take 20 - 30 minutes to complete each time. The study team member contacting you will have access to your name, address, phone number and email address to send you the surveys.
- **Participant Clinical Tracker:** As part of the care, your health care team will record your prescription, refills, follow up visit dates for MAT, adherence to taking medication as prescribed, and urine buprenorphine test results. This information will be shared with the research team for research purposes.

This study is designed to learn more about if people receiving MAT have different treatment outcomes based on the induction method used, comparing home, office, and telehealth inductions.

Possible discomforts or risks include:

- **Surveys:** You may get tired or bored when we are asking you questions or you are completing surveys. Some people may feel uncomfortable or get anxious about answering some questions. You do not have to answer any question that you do not want to answer.
- **Confidentiality:** There is a potential risk of loss of confidentiality. Every effort will be made to keep your information confidential; however, this cannot be guaranteed.
- **Randomization:** Either group that you could be randomized into will receive slightly different care. Although all induction methods meet the standard of care for primary practices, one method might be better than the other. There is currently insufficient scientific evidence to recommend one induction method over the other.

There may be risks the researchers have not thought of.

If you tell us you are going to physically hurt yourself, we will need to share that with your health care team.

This study is not designed to benefit you directly.

Every effort will be made to protect your privacy and confidentiality by following all institutional, state, and federal laws that protect the information of research participants, like the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). We will always keep the names of research subjects, like you, private.

This research is being paid for by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

You will receive a \$50.00 gift card each time you complete the set of questionnaires (before induction, one month after, three months after, and nine months after MAT induction), or up to \$200 in gift cards for your participation. If you choose not to complete all of the survey time points, you will only be compensated for the surveys you completed.

You have a choice about being in this study. You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to be.

The data we collect will be used for this study but may also be important for future research. Your data may be used for future research or distributed to other researchers for future study without additional consent if information that identifies you is removed from the data.

If you have questions, you can call Linda Zittleman, MSPH at 303-724-9716 or Donald Nease, MD at 303-724-7283. You can call to ask questions at any time.

You may have questions about your rights as someone in this study. If you have questions, you can call COMIRB (the responsible Institutional Review Board) at (303) 724-1055.

By completing this survey, you are agreeing to participate in this research study. [\[optional\]](#)

## HOMER Study – Contact Information for Patients

**Overview:** Please contact the Research Team at any time if you wish to enroll in the study, need to complete a survey, or have questions.

- You may contact the Research Team by **phone** or **email**.
- A member of the Research Team will be available to answer your call or return your email during the times listed below. For phone calls, please leave a message, provide a name, and callback number in case a team member is not available to immediately answer your call.
- All messages and emails will be returned within 2 hours of receipt if received during office hours. If received outside of business hours, messages will be returned the morning of the next business day.

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(844) 730-1737	<a href="mailto:homer@aafp.org">homer@aafp.org</a>	Monday – Thursday: 7am- 7pm
		Friday: 7am – 5pm





## HOMER Study – Patient Gift Cards

**Overview:** There are 4 surveys you will complete for participating in the HOMER study. You can complete your surveys over email (internet), telephone, or paper. You will receive a \$50 gift card every time you complete a HOMER study survey.

Survey #	Survey Collection Timepoints				Gift Card
	Enrollment	30 days (1 month)	90 days (3 months)	270 days (9 months)	
Survey #1	X				\$50.00
Survey #2		X			\$50.00
Survey #3			X		\$50.00
Survey #4				X	\$50.00

### Important Information:

- 1) You will receive your gift card through your email (digital gift card) unless you prefer a physical card is sent to you through the mail.
- 2) Digital gift cards will be delivered within 1-5 business days after survey completion.  
*\* Please note that if you prefer to receive a physical gift card in the mail, you will receive the gift card within 10-14 business days after survey completion.*
- 3) When you receive your \$50 gift card in your email you will have many choices to select from, including Amazon, Target, Walmart, Whole Foods, Starbucks, and many many more.  
*\*Please note that if you prefer to receive a physical gift card in the mail, you will have limited gift card options to choose from.*

### Instructions for redeeming your gift card:

- 1) When you complete a survey, you will receive an email from **Tango Card** [[noreply@tangocard.com](mailto:noreply@tangocard.com)] with the **Subject Line: Your Reward Link Preferred is Here!**
- 2) To redeem your gift card, open that email and click the link in the email.
- 3) After you click the link, follow the on-screen instructions for redeeming your gift card.
- 4) If you have any problems, please contact the study team at [homer@aafp.org](mailto:homer@aafp.org) or call 844-730-1737

### If you would like to receive a physical gift card through the mail:

- 1) The HOMER Study team will be in contact with you to select and set up your mailed gift card service.



