

Chinese Hospital Joins the California Bridge Program to Improve Access to Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Benefit the Community



Chinese Hospital announces its participation in the California Bridge Program to combat the opioid epidemic in the state. The program provides evidence-based treatment and support services for patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental health conditions, enabling Chinese Hospital to expand its capacity to care for OUD patients and improve access to life-saving treatments. The hospital will launch the program after hiring a Substance Use Navigator to provide patients with behavioral health services, case management, personalized support, and guidance.

"As a physician in the emergency department, I have seen the devastating impact of the opioid epidemic on patients and their families," said Dr. Jessica Li, Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at Chinese Hospital. "We are proud to join the California Bridge Program to support those struggling with opioid addiction and provide more comprehensive care to patients with OUD."

The California Bridge Program is a state-funded initiative that views emergency departments and acute care hospitals as the primary starting point for treatment, with the goal of ensuring patients initiate and maintain long-term recovery with medications. When patients in opioid withdrawal visit these healthcare

facilities, they will be given the opportunity to receive medication like buprenorphine to start maintenance treatment.

Dr. Jian Zhang, CEO of Chinese Hospital, added, "The opioid epidemic is a devastating public health crisis, and we are committed to being part of the solution. Our participation in the California Bridge Program is a testament to our commitment to improving access to quality care and reducing the impact of opioid addiction on all communities, including the Chinese community."

Chinese Hospital is committed to improving access to quality care for all patients and is taking an important step forward by participating in the California Bridge Program. The hospital looks forward to working with the program to improve outcomes for patients with OUD and reducing the impact of opioid addiction on communities, as well as providing education and outreach to the Chinese community about the dangers of opioid use. Media contact:

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