

Montefiore-Einstein statement on countering the opioid epidemic

Montefiore Health System and Albert Einstein College of Medicine have been and continue to be deeply committed to addressing the opioid epidemic in the Bronx, NY and United States. Through providing innovative patient care, educating and training physicians, conducting cutting-edge basic science and clinical research, and collaborating closely with communities affected by opioids, we will continue to expand efforts to curb the opioid epidemic. As a Health System that includes 11 hospitals and over 180 primary care and specialty care sites, Montefiore's 50-year history of treating opioid addiction provides the foundation for continued and expanded efforts to lead innovative clinical programs. Clinical programs that focus on integrating primary care with preventing and treating opioid addiction, and preventing opioid overdose, serve as models of innovative care. Through integration of efforts in emergency departments, hospitals, and primary care and specialty care settings, all points in our health care system will provide high-quality opioid-related evidence-based treatment. As one of the largest training programs in the US, we will continue to expand education and training focused on prevention and treatment of opioid addiction among medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty. In addition to integrating addiction education and training into curricula, we will also expand addiction fellowship training programs and addiction research training. As a premier research institution, we will continue to conduct cutting-edge research to improve opioid addiction prevention and treatment, including how to improve safe opioid prescribing and optimize the delivery of accessible and effective opioid addiction treatment. Findings from research will continue to help guide clinical guidelines and health care policies. Finally, building on decades of community partnerships, we will continue to expand efforts to partner with community organizations and local and state governmental agencies to ensure that clinical care, education and training, and research activities address the needs of the surrounding community.