OK, time to eat some crow.

Due to a discussion re: how / where to document Subutex and Suboxone Drs. Glantz and Stevens said it should go under “Illegal Drug Use in Pregnancy” even though these are prescribed medications. Their rationale was first, the withdrawal issue and second, many if not most people who are on these meds have used illegal drugs. They, also, felt that adding the use of the drugs to “Other Serious Chronic Illness” was not appropriate as these are prescribed drugs and not an illness.

Recently Dr. Glantz checked his rationale with Eileen Shields, our contact from the Bureau of Women’s Health. *She said as these drugs are prescribed they are not illegal.*

**So, to answer a question posed in October 2018 – there is no place to document the use of these drugs in the current system.**

**Now for the Scenario** – A term, G2P2 woman presented to Labor and Delivery in active labor. When reviewing her medication history it was noted that she had Subutex prescribed to combat the withdrawal symptoms caused by opioid addition which started after breaking her leg five years prior to becoming pregnant.

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|  | **Prenatal Care** | | |
| **Other Risk** | **Other Risk Factors** | | |
| Alcohol  Consumed During This Pregnancy?  \_\_ Yes \_\_ No | Number of Drinks per Week: | Illegal Drugs Used During This  Pregnancy?  \_\_ Yes \_\_ No |

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| **Risk Factors** | **Risk Factors in this Pregnancy** | | |
|  None  Unknown at this time  **Select all that apply**  \_\_ Prepregnancy Diabetes  \_\_Other Serious Chronic Illnesses  \_\_ | \_\_ Gestational Diabetes  \_\_ Previous Preterm Births  \_ Prelabor Referred for High Risk Care |  |
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