Improving treatment for opioid use disorder

VA implemented a program to boost the appropriate use of medications to treat opioid use disorder in clinics that don’t specialize in addiction. Researchers found that the intervention, which included education for providers and other measures, was associated with increased use of these treatments. The study involved:

7,488 Veteran patients
35 non-addiction clinics (such as primary care, pain, or mental health)
18 VA medical centers