Example Protocol for Women who Endorse or Screen Positive for OUD to Link to Substance Use Care Services

1. Substance use disorder identified
2. Is patient in acute withdrawal (COWS)?
   - Yes: Immediate evaluation and treatment needed
     - Requires admission for detoxification (i.e. ETOH/benzo or barbiturate dependent or unstable medically or psychiatrically)
   - No: Determine level of care based on severity of use, type of substance, preference, and treatment availability
     - Prefers and has resources to be successful in office-based buprenorphine program treatment
     - Prefers or is better-suited for methadone due to medical history or current circumstances
     - Severity of use requires intensive outpatient or residential program; patient able to accept referral
3. Accepts treatment?
   - Yes: Short interval follow-up with OB provider, counsel about risks, offer BH referral (keep options open)
   - No: Referral to BH counseling if patient accepts

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