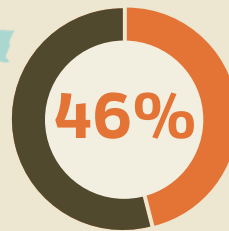


OUTPATIENT PHARMACOTHERAPY for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

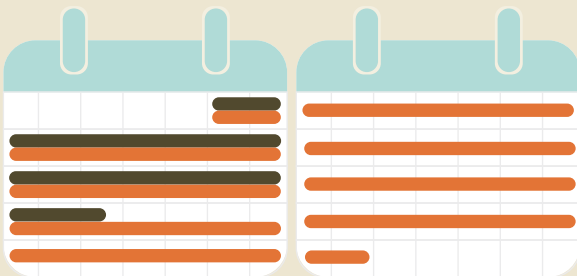


Neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) is a *withdrawal syndrome* in infants born to mothers who used opioids during pregnancy

Among **TN infants** covered
by Medicaid born *from*
2009-2011:



of infants medicated
for NAS were treated
as **outpatients**



The median
length of treatment was
19 days for inpatients &
60 days for outpatients

Outpatient
therapy was
3x
longer

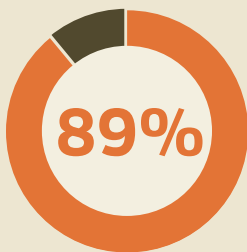
36%

42%

% **inpatient** & **outpatient**
infants with at least one
emergency department
visit within *six months*



ED utilization
HIGHER
for outpatients



of outpatient
infants *with NAS*
were treated with
phenobarbital

The sedative
phenobarbital has
been associated with
poor neurologic outcomes.



Providers should be
cautious when discharging
NAS patients on medication



*More
research*
on management
of NAS is needed

