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Ketamine Medication Interactions

Part 4 – Substance Abuse Medications

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Contraindicated: Opioid Medications

High Risk Combinations

Examples: Buprenorphine (Suboxone/Subutex), Methadone

Safety Concerns:

- *Both depress central nervous system*
- *Risk of excessive sedation and respiratory depression*
- *Buprenorphine's high receptor binding may blunt ketamine effects*

Joyous Policy: Patients on these medications are generally not candidates for ketamine therapy