



# OPIOIDS Dr. Edwin Chapman

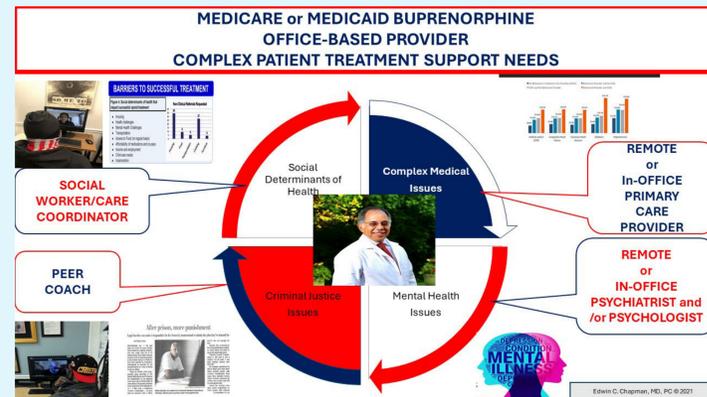
In recognition of integrating behavioral health into primary care with a focus on racial disparities and health inequities.



## Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine in Washington, DC

### BACKGROUND

Dr. Edwin Chapman is a physician with more than 40 years of practice in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine in Washington, DC. Dr. Chapman's work centers around integrating behavioral health into primary care with a focus on racial disparities and health inequities. He is an active participant as a subject matter expert for the IPRO QIN-QIO and has shared his knowledge and expertise through various educational offerings. He is nationally renowned and has appeared before Congress, as well as organizations such as SAMHSA, ASAM, Howard University, Maryland Governor's Council, and the District of Columbia. He is currently involved with the QIN-QIO and the Opioid Response Network in developing a framework for education on substance use disorder, reducing stigma, and opioid use harm.



The impact of the opioid epidemic on Black communities is well-documented. In 2022 and 2023, Washington, DC, had the highest overdose rates in the nation, partially due to the complex confluence of factors such as addiction, undertreated mental illness, infectious diseases (AIDS & Hepatitis C), criminal behavior, and chronic health conditions.

The District of Columbia is a unique entity that receives federal funding but lacks access to state or municipal funding sources to help combat the opioid crisis. Within DC, Wards 5, 7, & 8, which Dr. Chapman's practice serves, account for >60% of the city's overdose deaths, but only 35% of its population. Overdose deaths in DC occur

predominantly among Black males aged 50 – 70. This demographic dovetails with Dr. Chapman's practice, which skews toward Medicare, Medicaid, or dual eligible beneficiaries. To address these issues in his practice and raise awareness across the broader healthcare landscape, Dr. Chapman collaborated with the IPRO QIN-QIO as well as community based organizations including Live.Long.DC., Opioid Response Network, and District Addiction Consultation Services. In addition, Dr. Chapman is committed to improving access to treatment and interventions for harm reduction for opioid use disorders by increasing the use of telemedicine and recognizing the impact of addiction as a social determinant of health.

### APPROACH

Dr. Chapman's approach to addressing the opioid crisis in the DC area includes acting as a staunch advocate for all individuals with substance abuse disorders, providing access to treatment options for his patients, and serving as a subject matter expert and resource for his colleagues, peers, and others working to advance equity in substance use disorder treatment. Toward that end, he has partnered with IPRO QIN-QIO on a number of initiatives, including:

Apart from working with the QIN-QIO, Dr. Chapman has advocated for patients by:

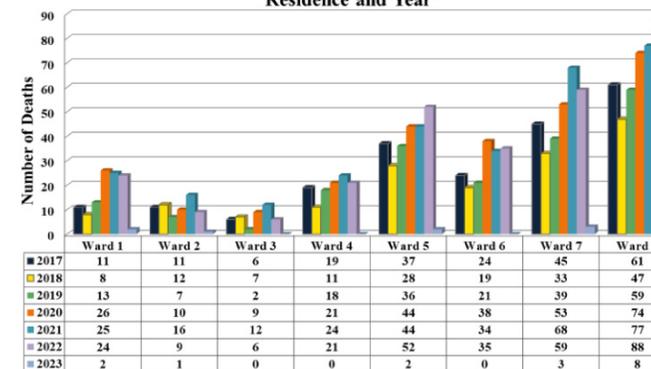
- Testifying before the US Congressional Addiction Treatment and Recovery Caucus.
- Being interviewed by national news outlets such as Axios and PBS NewsHour regarding the struggles faced by African American patients attempting to access substance use disorder treatment.
- Successfully lobbying for an increase in buprenorphine dosing limits in DC.

- Assisting in the development of a tool for other community-based physicians: Reimbursement & Resources for Screening & Supporting Patients with Substance Use Disorder.
- Helping to educate healthcare providers as a speaker in IPRO QIN-QIO educational events such as: Integrating Behavioral Health into Primary Care and Addressing Health Disparities to Reduce Opioid Use Harm.

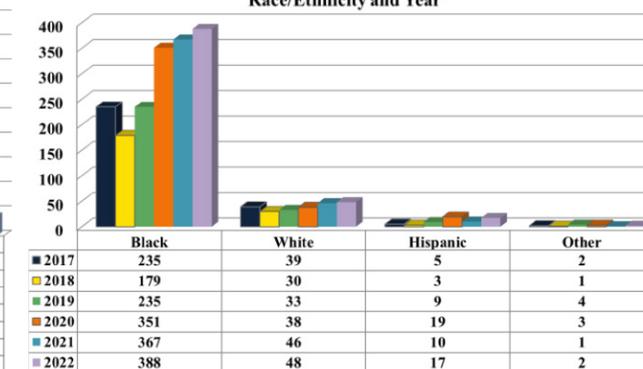
### RESULTS

- Number of Naloxone kits distributed in the DC area: increase of 32% from FY22 to FY23
- Number of suspected overdoses reversed with Naloxone: 5,267 (Metropolitan Police Department of DC and community partners data from 10/19 -7/23)
- Number of community partners working with IPRO QIN-QIO to provide outreach in DC: 40 (to date)
- Certified number of DC-area treatment providers: 33 (to date) in a 10 square mile area
- Number of referrals made to recovery support services: 2,398 (2023)

Number of Drug Overdoses due to Opioid Use by Ward of Residence and Year

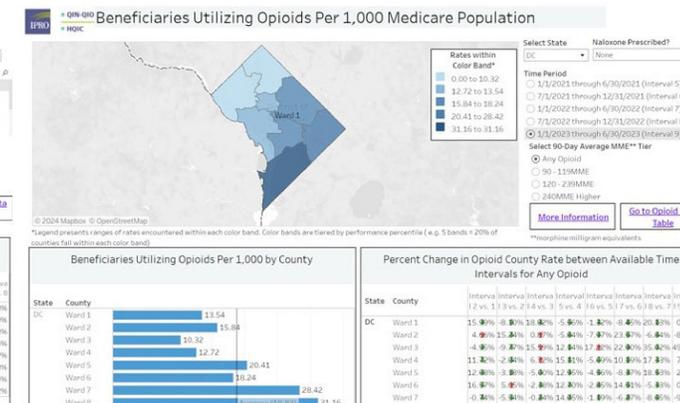
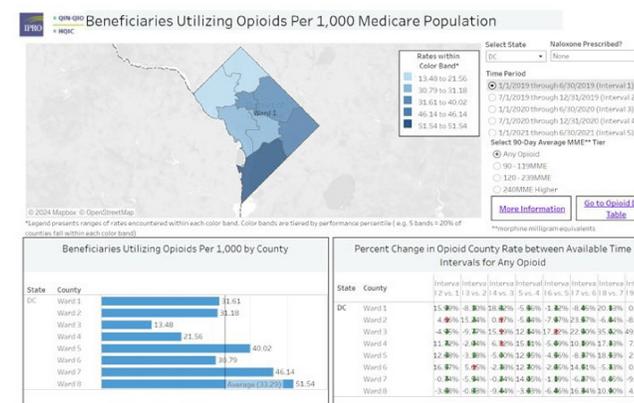


Number of Drug Overdoses due to Opioid Use by Race/Ethnicity and Year



Source: LiveLongDC website

Medicare claims data as visualized on IPRO QIN-QIO's dashboard shows a steady decline in opioid prescribing within DC when comparing January – June 2019 to January – June 2023.



### CONCLUSIONS

Dr. Chapman's dedication to his patients and to all those who struggle to access substance use disorder treatment, particularly populations that are affected by social determinants of health, provides a model for successfully integrating substance use disorder treatment into a primary care practice. His willingness to share his expertise through the IPRO QIN-QIO helps to amplify

his message and offers much needed peer education to providers throughout IPRO's geographically diverse region. His willingness to continue to act as a subject matter expert for the QIN-QIO will support further resource development, clinician awareness, and education in the area of opioid misuse.