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Extract:

“Our service defines success as completion of an OPAT course with measurable signs of clearance of infection regardless of whether a patient has had an episode of noncompliance during the treatment course. It is worthwhile to note that noncompliance is not specific to IDUs on OPAT programs due to the freedom of movement and choice inherent in home treatment that is not available when confined to a hospital bed. We have therefore compared outcomes of our cohort of both IDU and non-IDU OPAT patients, all of whom receive OPAT in the home environment. In our service, IDU OPAT patients have their antibiotics administered by visiting nurses so that their catheter can be monitored, whereas 50% of non-IDU OPAT patients are taught to self-administer.”

Full Text

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Reference:

Dobson, P.M., Loewenthal, M.R., Schneider, K. and Lai, K. (2017) Comparing Injecting Drug Users with Others Receiving Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy. *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*. 4(4), p.ofx183.

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