Title	Date	Major Peri-operative recommendations
Anderson et al	2017	<ol> <li>Where moderate to severe pain is expected, cancel surgery such that buprenorphine is weaned off before surgery and short-acting opioids are used to replace it.</li> <li>A plan for follow-up and reinstitution of therapy should be established</li> <li>Anticipate patient's opioids requirements will be similar to an opioid-tolerant patient</li> <li>Consider adjuncts – NSAIDs, membrane stabilizers, acetaminophen, local anaesthetics, regional anesthetic techniques</li> <li>Ensure appropriate outpatient follow-up with buprenorphine provider</li> </ol>
Sen et al	2016	<ol> <li>Discontinue buprenorphine 72H before operative procedure, or replace buprenorphine with methadone</li> <li>Expect additional opioid doses for acute pain control</li> <li>Discharge on pure opioid induction protocol of buprenorphine in conjunction with primary provider</li> </ol>
Jonan et al	2018	<ol> <li>Utilize non-opioid adjuncts, regional Anesthesia, and local anesthetic infiltration by surgeon where possible.</li> <li>Where low post operative pain is expected, continue buprenorphine perioperatively without taper</li> <li>Where intermediate pain is expected, discontinue buprenorphine 3 days prior to procedure, consider high dose PCA, and consider ICU admission for respiratory monitoring</li> <li>Where High pain is expected, discontinue buprenorphine 3-5 days prior to procedure, consider pure opioid agonist to manage withdrawal, and consider ICU for respiratory monitoring</li> </ol>
Childers and Arnold	2012	<ol> <li>Adjuvant analgesics and interventional procedures should be provided if available</li> <li>Hold buprenorphine and start short acting opioid agonists if expecting moderate to severe pain</li> <li>Re-initiate buprenorphine in the post-operative period with the buprenorphine provider</li> <li>Where mild to moderate pain is expected, consider treating pain with buprenorphine alone, or use short-acting opioid agonists at higher doses</li> <li>Consider replacing buprenorphine with methadone for opioid addiction where ongoing pain management is expected</li> </ol>
Bryson	2014	<ol> <li>Ideally, buprenorphine should be discontinued 72H before surgery, then restarted once patient no longer has acute pain requiring narcotic analgesics</li> <li>If the plan is to continue buprenorphine, use short-acting opioid analgesics to achieve pain control, expecting higher than normal effective doses. Divide buprenorphine maintenance dose and administer every 6-8 hours</li> <li>If the plan is to stop the buprenorphine, use standard opioids for analgesia, conduct a slow taper over 2 weeks or an abrupt taper over 3 days, remaining buprenorphine free for 72 hours before surgery</li> <li>If the relapse rate is too high, replace maintenance dose of buprenorphine with methadone before surgery, and use another short-acting opioid and analgesic for breakthrough pain</li> </ol>
Berry (Vermont Guidelines)	2015	<ol> <li>Reduce buprenorphine dose to 8mg SL on the day of surgery</li> <li>Use oxycodone or other full agonists to make up opiate debt + typical post operative course management</li> <li>Expect longer than normal pain management regimen in the post operative period</li> <li>Buprenorphine doses above 10mg daily will block opioid analgesics for pain</li> </ol>
Lembke et al. (Editorial)	2018	<ol> <li>Continue buprenorphine in the perioperative period for patients taking 12mg SL or less</li> <li>Taper buprenorphine to 12 mg SL 2-3 days pre-op</li> <li>Multimodal analgesia, Regional techniques where possible</li> <li>Higher than normal doses of opioids to treat pain for 2-4 days post-op</li> </ol>