

From the Ground Up:

How Patients Are

Transforming
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Methadone in the Modern Era

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Methadone Is Bigger Than We Think

☀ Methadone as a Tool for Organizing

- ☀ Committee of Concerned Patients and Friends
- ☀ USU/NSU and the Safe Supply Movement

☀ Harm Reduction and a “Sordid” Past

☀ Methadone Can Rejoin Harm Reduction





COVID-19 Sign On Letter
Methadone Monday Call

Naturally Noncompliant
First By-Us-For-Us Methadone Conference

2019/2020

2021

2022/2023

Methadone Monday Call, COVID-19 Treatment Recommendations
Letter, Methadone Webinars, Methadone Manifesto

COVID-19 Sign On Letter



Methadone Reform as a Key Battleground

https://youtu.be/7QMi_n8JrOU?si=zst86tciPC3NoJCi

The Patient Led Conference

- ☀️ The Nation's First Patient Driven Conference
- ☀️ Open Dialogue and Reform Oriented Legislation
- ☀️ Acknowledgement of the Need for Change
- ☀️ Coalition Building and Federal Advocacy



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**LIBERATING METHADONE:
BUILDING A ROADMAP
AND COMMUNITY FOR CHANGE**



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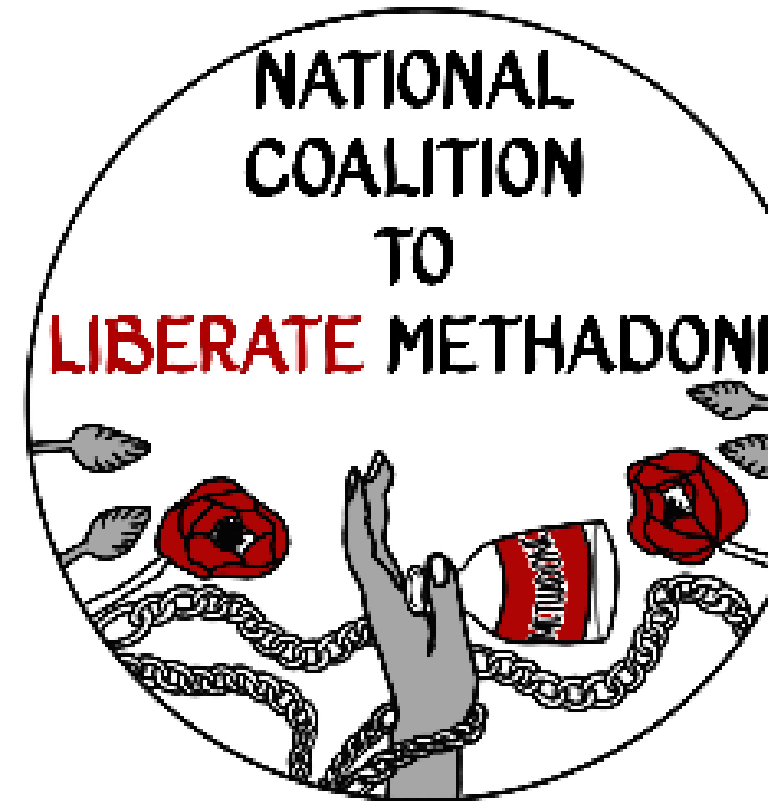
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