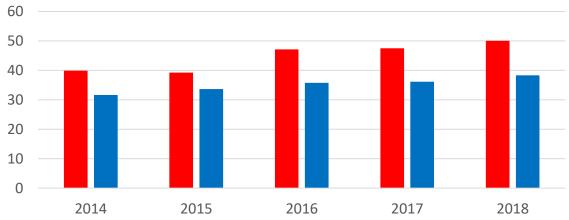


## "I can help you start on buprenorphine treatment today"

A leader, an ally and an aspiring physician assistant. Tiffany Hwang's dedication to providing timely support and vital resources to her patients has always been her paramount concern. As a Substance Use Navigator for the ED Bridge Program, Tiffany not only helps with initiating buprenorphine treatment in patients experiencing opioid withdrawal symptoms in the emergency medicine setting, she engages in conversations with patients to ensure that they are heard and referred to treatment clinics as soon as possible. Tiffany has been instrumental in positively changing these patients' entire lifestyles and her patients have expressed their gratitude not only for Tiffany's kindness but for believing in their strength and not giving up on them. Tiffany continues to follow-up with her patients throughout their treatment as she hopes to serve as a stable source of support for them. Tiffany advocates for patients' needs above all else in all of her professional roles and she believes in the power of volunteer service at the community level. By creating meaningful and lasting relationships with patients and members of her local community, Tiffany aims to serve as a vital, long-term asset in alleviating the opioid epidemic in Orange County.

Increasing rate of any opioid-related overdose ED visits in white patients (age-adjusted) in Orange County compared to statewide California



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