There are no data to specifically address reinitiating of treatment.
Switching from Oral Naltrexone for Alcohol Dependence:
There are no systemically collected data to specifically address switching from oral naltrexone to Vivitrol.

VIP³ Program Enrollment:
The full name of the program is Vivitrol Information for Patients, Physicians and Providers. It is a service that assists patients who are receiving Vivitrol and helps Prescribers who are treating the patients. The VIP³ Program Enrollment is offered by Cephalon Inc. and complies with HIPAA regulations. In order to receive Vivitrol the patient must participate in this program. This program offers distribution services by locating specialty pharmacies that carry Vivitrol. Reimbursement assistance is offered by investigating cost to patient, insurance coverage and benefit verification. Another feature of this program is the injector locator. Persons prescribing Vivitrol are mostly Psychiatrists who do not have the capability to administer the injection. The VIP³ Program will locate a nearby Physician who is able to administer Vivitrol on behalf of the Prescriber. Vivitrol is only given if the patient is currently involved in a management program that involves psychosocial support. The VIP³ Program offers a service to monitor therapy continuity and to make sure the patient is following the management program guidelines. Copies of the form are available online at www.vivitrol.com Residents of California must fill out a different form labeled, ‘Enrollment Form for California Residents’ and Residents of New York must send a triplicate (copy of the prescription) in addition to the form online.

References

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NOTE: Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.