

Pain Medication Challenges—Appropriate Use of Opiates and Other Controlled Substances Overview Information

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This course includes a comprehensive review of pain medicine by providing evidence-based, expertly informed education relevant to today's pain medicine challenges.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Clinicians who are licensed in the state of Massachusetts, as well as physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, pharmacists and other providers whose scope of practice includes caring for patients with complaints of chronic pain.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

After taking part in this educational activity, participants should be better able to:

- Identify the role of medicinal opiates as drugs of abuse and misuse
- Explain the close relationship between depression and the subjective experience of pain
- Discuss model guidelines for the dispensing of opiates
- Recognize patients whom may be at risk for abuse and addiction with opiate medications
- Interpret the results of these laboratory tests to discover irregularities such as sample adulteration
- Define pain and its various subtypes

TOPICS

Opiate Therapy Controversies

This lecture discusses what is known and not known from a scientific point of view about the long term use of potent opiates in the treatment of pain syndromes.

Psychology of Chronic Pain

This lecture discusses the intricate relationships between the subjective experience of pain and other psychological issues such as emotional state and perception.

Medical-legal Considerations of Chronic Pain

This lecture discusses legal and ethical problems that providers who prescribe opiate pain medications could face if proper care is not taken regarding dispensing of these substances and educating their patients on their proper use.

Opioid Risk Management

This lecture looks at the process of the development of addiction and abusive behaviors in the use of opiate medications and gives ideas and insight into how to minimize these well recognized and serious problems.

Toxicology for Chronic Pain

This lecture looks at the role of the lab in helping maintain adherence to a pain medication regimen through monitoring by blood and urine testing. The limitations of these tests are discussed in detail.

Chronic Pain Disorders

This lecture introduces the basic concepts of pain and pain management including defining pain and its various types, explaining the brain's response to pain and discussing the various medical therapies for pain and where their use is appropriate.

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