

## PHARMACIST'S ROLE IN PREVENTING OPIOID ABUSE

Increased prescription of opioid medications led to widespread misuse of both prescription and non-prescription opioids before it became clear that these medications could indeed be highly addictive. Pharmacists can directly impact opioid misuse by providing education to both patients and providers, serving as members of interdisciplinary teams treating those with pain and/or dependence, assisting with prescription drug monitoring and urine drug screening, and advocating for their patients.

### Upon completion of this course, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will be able to:

- Understand epidemiology and the genesis of the opioid crisis.
- Discuss trends in opioid prescribing by specialties.
- List the types of opioids and their pharmacokinetics.
- Describe the effect of opioid pain medications on body & brain.
- Describe definitions of terms related to opioid abuse and misuse.
- Discuss commonly prescribed opioid and their side effects.
- Discuss opioid tolerance and withdrawals symptoms.
- Discuss pharmacologic agents used to treat opioid disorder (opioid antagonists.)
- Describe the risks of abuse and addiction associated with opioid medication.
- List the sources of misused prescription opioids.
- Discuss risk assessment tools for substance abuse.
- Review Prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) and impact of a mandatory PDMP on prescription opioid analgesics.
- Discuss pharmacist's role in preventing opioid abuse through a systematic approach to recognizing and resolving red flags.

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**Instructional Methods:** Online Independent Self-Study (Training + Post-Test)

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