Educational Objectives

Following this course, participants should be able to:
✔ Select patients who are appropriate candidates for opioid management of chronic pain.
✔ Define risk factors for potential misuse or abuse of prescribed opioid medications, recognize the importance of consistent screening for risk prior to prescribing, and outline a time-efficient method of screening for risk.
✔ Follow an evidence-based protocol for starting patients on opioid analgesic therapy, including issues specific to safely initiating and titrating opioid medications.
✔ Recognize aberrant drug-taking behaviors that may indicate opioid misuse or abuse, and be able to distinguish unintentional misuse and “pseudo-addiction” or “chemical coping” from deliberate misuse, abuse, and diversion.
✔ Outline an effective approach to clarify and intervene appropriately with aberrant drug-taking behaviors, including referral to specialized addiction treatment programs when indicated.

Program Description

Each year, millions of patients are treated for a variety of serious medical conditions with prescription drugs whose therapeutic benefits are accompanied by psychoactive effects. Recent indicators reveal that the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs are rising, and we are faced with the challenge of minimizing the potential for misuse without impeding patients’ access to needed medical care. This course will provide specific knowledge and skills associated with safe prescribing and will address areas of epidemiology, legal and regulatory issues, and clinical strategies for managing difficult patient situations.

Who Should Attend

This course is designed for all clinicians who prescribe opioid medications for the treatment of chronic pain or who care for patients receiving such medications, including physicians, surgeons, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, and pharmacists.

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Syllabus

Course participants will receive a complimentary syllabus in both print form and on CD-Rom, as well as a copy of the handbook Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Physician’s Guide by pain expert Scott Fishman, M.D. The handbook, which summarizes clinical advice and generally accepted prescribing practices, has been endorsed by the Federation of State Medical Boards and is approved for an additional 7.25 Category 1 CME credits.

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