Intermountain Healthcare/CORE Curriculum
Opioid Prescribing:
Safe Practice, Changing Lives

FDA statistics indicate that more than 33 million Americans, misused extended-release and long-acting (ER/LA) opioids during 2007, up from 29 million in 2002. Yet these drugs have long been a major tool in the management of chronic pain or to help those who suffer from a painful injury or surgery. Highly effective yet highly addictive, the challenge posed by ER/LA opioids—patient assessment, prescribing guidelines, managing treatment and addressing alternatives when opioids fail—are the critical issues addressed by the newly revised CO*RE Opioid Prescribing: Safe Practice, Changing Lives course.

The course provides REMS education meeting the criteria outlined in the FDA, the CDC guidelines for Opioid Prescribing AND Utah state specific information. The curriculum follows the arc of a typical clinical interaction, a new introductory chapter, "Pain", provides important context to education, there is integrated coverage of the CDC Guidelines, updated demographic data and new references.

About the Course
The Opioid Prescribing: Safe Practice, Changing Lives course was developed by nationally known experts in the pain management. Participants can earn up to 3.5 Utah credit requirement.

Course Outline:
- Welcome/Why we are here
- Pain
- Assessing Patients for Treatment
- Initiating Therapy, Modifying Dosing, and Discontinuing Use of Opioid Analgesics & Case Study
- Managing Therapy with Opioid Analgesics & Case Study
- Counseling Patients & Caregivers about Safe Use of Opioid Analgesics & Case Study
- General Drug Information for Opioid Analgesics
- Specific Drug Information for Opioid Analgesic Products

Learning Objectives
- Accurately assess patients with pain for consideration of an opioid trial
- Establish realistic goals for pain management and restoration of function
- Initiate opioid treatment (IR and ER/LA) safely and judiciously, maximizing efficacy while minimizing risks
- Monitor and re-evaluate treatment continuously; discontinue safely when appropriate
- Counsel patients and caregivers about use, misuse, abuse, diversion, and overdose
- Educate patients about safe storage and disposal of opioids
- Demonstrate working knowledge and ability to access general and specific information about opioids, especially those used in your practice

Acknowledgement
Presented in collaboration with the California Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP), a member of the Collaborative on REMS Education (CO*RE), 11 interdisciplinary organizations working together to improve pain management and prevent adverse outcomes. www.core-REMS.org.

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SAFE Opioid Prescribing Program: CME credit offered

- Saturday, December 2, 2017
- Location: Park City Hospital
- Time: 10am-1:00 pm
- Fee: No charge