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Activity Information

Activity Description

This presentation will discuss the problem of prescription opioid abuse and addiction, the history of how the prescription opioid epidemic developed, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) interventions to address the crisis.

Target Audience

This activity is designed for physicians and other health care professionals.

Learning Objective

By the end of this presentation, learners will be able to identify the trend in opiate overdose deaths, the medical specialty that has accounted for the highest proportion of opioid prescriptions, and the evolution of state prescription monitoring programs.

Participation

Register for the webinar, participate in the webinar, and access and complete the assessment and evaluation.

Speaker Bios & Disclosures (alphabetical by last name)

The planners/developers of this activity have signed a disclosure statement indicating any relevant financial interests. This activity was developed without commercial support.

G. Caleb Alexander, MD, MS, developer/presenter, is an Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he serves as a founding Co-Director of the Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness and Principal Investigator of the Johns Hopkins-FDA Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation. Dr. Alexander is a practicing general internist and pharmacoepidemiologist and is internationally recognized

for his research examining population-based patterns and determinants of pharmaceutical use, clinical decision-making regarding prescription drugs, and the impact of changes in regulatory and payment policy on pharmaceutical utilization.

Dr. Alexander earned his Medical Degree at Case Western Reserve University and a Master of Science degree at the University of Chicago. He also earned his Bachelor of Arts degree Cum Laude at the University of Pennsylvania.

G. Caleb Alexander, MD, MS, has disclosed that he is currently a Consultant with IMS Health, Pain Navigator and receives grant/research support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI).

Grant Baldwin, PhD, developer/presenter is the Director of the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He has served in this capacity since 2008. Dr. Baldwin provides overall leadership to all of CDC's work in Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention. He has served in leadership positions with ever-growing responsibilities since 1996.

Dr. Baldwin earned his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Health Behavior and Health Education from the University of Michigan.

Grant Baldwin, PhD, has nothing to disclose.

Andrew Kolodny, MD, developer/presenter, worked for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the early 2000s, after completing his medical training. From 2006 to 2013, he worked at Maimonides Medical Center as Chair of the Department of Psychiatry. Presently he is the Chief Medical Officer for Phoenix House, a national non-profit addiction treatment agency, and is the Director of Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing (PROP).

Dr. Kolodny has clinical, research, and policy experience in the following areas: efforts to reduce opioid overdoses, efforts to promote cautious opioid prescribing, treatment of opioid addiction, and prescription drug monitoring programs.

Andrew Kolodny, MD, has nothing to disclose.

Knox H. Todd, MD, developer/presenter, is residency-trained and board-certified in both internal medicine and emergency medicine. He began his academic career at Emory University in Atlanta, where he served as Medical Director of the Grady Memorial Hospital Emergency Department, received tenure, and became the founding Vice Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine. He subsequently moved to New York where he joined the faculty of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and established the Pain and Emergency Medicine Institute at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan.

In 2011, Dr. Todd became the founding Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, the first academic department of emergency medicine within a comprehensive cancer center. He conducted the first studies of ethnic disparities in analgesic use and has developed a network of collaborators in emergency

medicine, pain medicine, and palliative care who work with him to advocate for excellence in emergency department practice in these areas.

Dr. Todd earned his Medical Degree at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and his Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Public Health.

Knox H. Todd, MD, has nothing to disclose.

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