



OPIOIDS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIBING COURSE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Course Outline

DAY 1

- ◇ Introduction to Prescription Drug Abuse – Stats, Human Impact
- ◇ Opioids/Controlled Substances Prescribing Guidelines and Regulatory Issues
- ◇ Interdisciplinary Care – Where Do Opioids Fit In?
- ◇ Opioid Prescribing Decision Making in Acute and Chronic Pain Management
- ◇ Practices Patterns and Changes
- ◇ Strategies to Avoid Use of Medications with Potential for Abuse
- ◇ Opioid Therapy: Does It Work? For Whom? And At What Cost?
- ◇ Common Chronic Pain Syndromes and Optimal Management
- ◇ Starting/Taking Over Chronic Opioid Therapy
- ◇ Tools for Identification of Abuse Risk
- ◇ Use of Risk Screening Tools
- ◇ Standardized Patient Exercise
- ◇ Narcotic Pharmacology
- ◇ Dosing and Monitoring Care
- ◇ Patient Adherence and Compliance
- ◇ Treatment Failure: What to Do When Things Are Not Going Well
- ◇ Stopping Treatment, Referral for Addiction, Safety
- ◇ Narcotic Withdrawal Management
- ◇ What Role Does Naloxone Have In the Opioid Epidemic
- ◇ Medical Record Keeping and Documentation
- ◇ Wrap-up and Homework Assignment

DAY 2

- ◇ Review of Homework Assignment and Discussion
- ◇ How and Why Medications are Prescribed, Dispensed and Documented
- ◇ Benzodiazepine Pharmacology and Withdrawal Management
- ◇ A Long Winter's Nap: A Benzodiazepine Overdose Story
- ◇ Diagnosis and Treatment Strategies of Mood and Anxiety Disorders
- ◇ Problematic Areas – Where Physicians Get into Trouble
- ◇ Regulatory Issues
- ◇ Cautious Prescribing of Stimulants and Depressants
- ◇ Identifying and Managing Difficult Patients
- ◇ Non-compliant, Drug-seeking Behaviors
- ◇ Standardized Patient Exercise
- ◇ SP Review/Wrap-up