

About PCSS-O

Prescribers' Clinical Support System for Opioid Therapies (PCSS-O) is a three year grant funded by The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). It is a collaborative project led by American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry with: American Dental Association, American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine, American Psychiatric Association, American Society for Pain Management Nursing, and International Nurses Society on Addictions. These organizations are providing training and education on the safe and effective prescribing of opioid medications in the treatment of pain and/or opioid addiction. The focus of this project is to reach prescribers and/or prescribers-in-training from diverse healthcare professions including physicians, nurses, dentists, physician assistants, pharmacists, and program administrators to offer free, accessible, evidence-based trainings. The training topics focus on safe and appropriate prescribing of opioids and to providing peer support to these prescribers. To reach the largest number of prescribers most cost-effectively and efficiently, PCSS-O provides a variety of educational materials dedicated to this topic. The establishment of this national training and mentoring program will help to improve the health and safety of Americans suffering with chronic pain and/or opioid-related addiction.

Goals and Objectives of the PCSS-O Project:

1. To develop a menu of evidence-based, authoritative, educational programs that will be offered in multiple media formats, are cost effective, easy to use, and that are sensitive to the varied needs of different healthcare providers which will increase the likelihood that these materials will be used by prescribers.
2. To develop an extensive system of dissemination activities through the efforts of our consortium members aimed at increasing the knowledge base and training of prescribers (or those in training who will become prescribers) from diverse multi-disciplinary healthcare backgrounds.
3. To develop a novel system of peer support and mentoring for providers from diverse clinical backgrounds and who practice in diverse geographic and demographic areas, both urban and rural, in order to provide the necessary support to increase confidence in the ability to safely and effectively utilize opioids in patients with chronic pain or opioid use disorders.

Online Modules

Currently there are 15 Online Modules posted on the PCSS-O website. These online modules are a wonderful resource designed to increase prescribers' understanding of: 1) the current state of opioid dependence treatment, 2) treatment issues for special populations, 3) safe and effective use of opioid therapies in chronic pain treatment, and 4) the neurobiology of pain.

Listserv

PCSS-O has launched a listserv in which an Expert of the Month is available to answer questions about educational content that has been presented through the PCSS-O project. For a list of the upcoming experts and topics please visit our website at www.pcss-o.org.

Peer Support Program

The PCSS-O Peer Support System enlists clinical experts in the fields of Addiction Psychiatry/Medicine and pain management to be mentors to health professionals seeking guidance in their clinical practice in prescribing opioid medications. This is not a program to offer medical advice about specific patients. Rather, this program is one in which experts offer general information to clinicians about evidence-based clinical practices in prescribing opioid medications.

Phone App/Mobile Website

PCSS-O has launched our first smart phone app, "Safe Opioid Prescribing" available now in the Apple Store. This resource brings together evidence based resources that are currently available to clinicians in safe and effective use of these medications but which can be difficult to identify and access. A second phone app and mobile website are under development.

**Resources are
available at no cost!**

Free Online Modules

- **A Review of Considerations in the Assessment and Treatment of Pain and Risk for Opioid Misuse**
Elinore F. McCance-Katz, MD, PhD
- **Advances in Recognition and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care**
Elinore F. McCance-Katz, MD, PhD
- **Clinical Guidelines for Opioid Use in Chronic Noncancer Pain**
Roger Chou, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine Oregon Health & Science University Director, Pacific Northwest Evidence-based Practice Center
- **Considerations in Medication Assisted Treatment of Opiate Dependence**
Stephen A. Wyatt, DO, Department of Psychiatry Middlesex Hospital Middletown, CT
- **Implementation of Evidence Based Practice**
Jason M. Satterfield, PhD, Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of California, San Francisco
- **Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care**
Elinore F. McCance-Katz, MD, PhD
- **Methadone Maintenance**
Judith Martin, MD, Medical Director, BAART Turk Street Clinic
- **Opioid-Associated Drug-Drug Interactions: What We Don't Know is Hurting Us**
Elinore F. McCance-Katz, MD, PhD
- **Opioid Prescribing for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease**
Ward Hagar, MD, Director, Adult Sickle Cell Center Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, CA
- **Review of Opioids and Treatment of Opioid Dependence**
Elinore F. McCance-Katz, MD, PhD
- **Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment: Evidence for Use in Clinical Settings**
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- **Screening, Brief Interventions, Referrals to Treatment: Use of SBIRT in Practice**
Jason M. Satterfield, PhD, Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of California, San Francisco
- **The Use of Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain**
Binit J. Shah, MD, Senior Instructor, Departments of Anesthesiology & Psychiatry University Hospitals Case Medical Center Cleveland, OH
- **Treating Addicted Health Care Professionals**
Penelope P. Ziegler, MD, Medical Director, Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry Virginia Commonwealth University
- **Urine Drug Testing in Clinical Practice (Fourth Edition)**
California Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP)

Archived Webinars

You can access archived copies of each webinar on our website. Webinar topics presented thus far include:

- **Assessing and Screening for Addiction in Chronic Pain Patients** (Karen Miotto, MD) Sponsored by: APA
- **Assessment of Patients with Chronic Pain and Co-Occurring Substance Use** (Jon Streltzer, MD) Sponsored by: APA
- **Chronic Pain Management with Opiate Medications** (Roger Chou, MD) Sponsored by: AOAAM
- **Identifying and Intervening With Problematic Medication Use Behaviors** (Stephen Wyatt, DO) Sponsored by: APA
- **Introduction to the PCSS-O Pain and Addiction Series: the Relevance to Medical Practice and Society** (Stephen A. Wyatt, DO) Sponsored by: AOAAM
- **Managing Chronic Pain in the Patient with Addictive Disorders** (Paul Arnstein, RN, PhD, ACNS-BC, FNP-C, FAAN) Sponsored by: ASPMN
- **Opioid Analgesia in your Dental Practice: Assessing Risks and Effective Pain Management** (John E. Lindroth, DDS, Patrick J. Sammon, PhD) Sponsored by: ADA
- **Opioid Replacement Therapies for Opioid Dependent Health Care Providers: The Controversy** (Art Zwerling, DNP, CRNA, DAAPM) Sponsored by: IntNSA
- **Pain Assessment Across the Lifespan** (Deb Drew, MS, RN-BC, ACNS-B C) Sponsored by: ASPMN
- **Pain, Dependence and Universal Precautions: Working Smarter Not Harder in Primary Care** (Doug Gourlay, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FASAM) Sponsored by: AOAAM
- **Pharmacologic Management of Substance Use Disorders** (AI Rundio, PhD, DNP, APRN, CARN-AP, NEA-BC) Sponsored by: IntNSA
- **Prescription Monitoring Programs: A Monitoring Program Designed to Help Physicians to Treat Patients More Safely** (John Gadea) Sponsored by: AOAAM
- **Problems Associated with Combining Opiates and Benzodiazepines** (Edward Covington, MD) Sponsored by: AOAAM
- **Psychological Management and Pharmacology of Patients with Chronic Pain and Depression, Schizophrenia, and PTSD** (Igor Elman, MD) Sponsored by: APA
- **Risk and Benefits of Opioids in the Management of Persistent Pain** (Paul Arnstein, RN, PhD, ACNS-BC, FNP-C, FAAN) Sponsored by: ASPMN
- **Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in Pain Management** (Barb St. Marie, MA, RN, CS, ANP-BC, GNP-BC) Sponsored by: ASPMN
- **Safety Monitoring of Prescription Opioids Leading to Better Clinical Outcomes** (Mary Milano Carter, MS, APRN-BC, RN-BC) Sponsored by: ASPMN
- **The Neurobiology of Addiction and Pharmacological Concepts** (William Lorman, PhD, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP and AI Rundio, PhD, APRN, CARN-AP, NEA-BC, LNHA, LCADC) Sponsored by: IntNSA
- **Treating Chronic Pain with Prescription Opioids in the Person with Substance Use Disorders: Relapse Prevention & Management** (Peggy Compton, RN, PhD, FAAN) Sponsored by: IntNSA

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