

# Dispensing Opioids: Decisions to Improve Medication Safety

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**Course No:** CN#MD006

**Fee:** \$425 for Non-member Physicians  
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**Launch Date:** September 16, 2017

**Expiration Date:** September 16, 2020

**Target Audience:** Physicians, Pharmacists, Dentists

This module meets the ACPE and CME requirements for dispensing permits.

Dispensing opioids from your practice may provide immediate pain relief for your patients. However, dispensing is also accompanied by restrictions and requirements set out by Maryland state law. Prescribers who are dispensing opioids must login and enter data separately to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). While treatment regularly involves assessment of a patient's acute and/or chronic pain, other opportunities are presented at the point of dispensing. This includes an opportunity to discuss alternatives to opioid therapy, to assess and manage the risk of these therapies, and to undertake treatment agreements. Using interactive technologies, this module will briefly presents key points regarding counseling patients in safe use and protections to prevent diversion. The dispensing criteria for a legal opioid prescription will be set out to comply with federal law.

This online course includes a free 60 minute interactive segment to provide guidance in opioid dispensing practices. Step-by-step PDMP instructions at the point of dispensing are delineated. This course meets the PDMP training requirements of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as well as counting toward the permits for physician dispensing.

Other modules in this series include:

- Physician Dispensing: An Overview of Maryland Law and Regulation
- Dispensing, Labeling and Documentation for Maryland Physicians
- Controlled Substances and Inventory: Issues for Maryland's Dispensing Physicians
- Counseling Patients at the Point of Dispensing: Requirements & Best Practices
- Physician Dispensing: Optimizing Patient Use of Inhalers and Other Respiratory Devices
- Motivational Interviewing & Patient Adherence at the Point of Dispensing

### **Learning Objectives:**

At the end of this application-based, the dispensing physician will be able to:

1. At the point of dispensing, assess and manage risks for patients who are prescribed medically-necessary opioids;
2. Educate patients in the safe use of prescription opioids;
3. Distinguish between opioid misuse and diversion prevention strategies; and
4. Properly process prescriptions in the PDMP at the point of dispensing.

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