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Bridging the Gap: Improving Opioid Prescribing and Medication Labeling for Older Adults

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Recorded Webinar



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This presentation focuses on the critical intersection of the CDC's opioid prescribing guidelines and the unique vulnerabilities of older adults, while also addressing best practices in medication labeling to reduce harmful errors. There is no registration fee for this program.

Following registration, participants will have access to course instructions, presentations, recorded webinar, program evaluation, CE certificates and credits, etc. **This program is approved for 2.0 ACPE Contact Hours, .2 CEUs.** Once credit is awarded, transcripts will be available online within 24 hours on the learner's CPE Monitor profile at <http://nabp.pharmacy/>. **This program is also approved by ABN, ABSWE, ACCME.**

The Office of Alumni and Professional Affairs strongly encourages each participant to check their profile online within 60 days of attendance to ensure credit has been awarded properly. ACPE will not accept CE submissions after 60 days from the live seminar date.

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TARGET AUDIENCE

This knowledge-based program is intended for Pharmacists (ACPE), Physicians (ACCME), Physician Assistants (ACCME), Nurse Practitioners (ANCC), Nurses (ABN), Social Workers (ABSWE).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Review CDC prescribing guidelines for opioids with special attention to older adults
- Discuss options for treating pain in the population of older adults
- Utilize case studies to analyze practical applications of utilizing opioids for pain management in older adults with comorbid conditions
- Identify common medication errors in older adults
- Determine medication labeling best practices for older adults

ACTIVITY COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To complete the steps for CE credit, each attendee will be required to access and review program materials located within the online course, view the recorded Zoom webinar, complete the quiz and program evaluation within the online course, and claim credit within the course. Please contact hcopce@auburn.edu if you have any questions or needs related to this online CE program.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Please make arrangements to have access to a computer that has good audio/visual capabilities and a steady internet connection.

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PROGRAM FACULTY

Karen F. Marlowe is the Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Davis Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice for the Harrison College of Pharmacy. After serving as the Assistant Dean for the Mobile Campus since its inception in 2007, she was selected for the Associate Dean for Academic Programs role beginning July 1, 2022. Marlowe joined the Harrison College of Pharmacy faculty in the Department of Pharmacy Practice in 2000. Since 2007, she has served as associate department head and assistant dean of the Mobile Campus. Marlowe is a 1993 graduate of Auburn, earning a bachelor of science in pharmacy. She remained at the Harrison College of Pharmacy and completed her doctor of pharmacy in 1995. She completed her pharmacy practice residency at Egleston Children's Hospital, now Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. After completing her residency Marlowe initiated a practice in the cardiac intensive care and cardiopulmonary transplant units at Egleston, serving as a pharmacotherapy specialist in pediatric, neonatal, and cardiac intensive care until 2000. Initially coming to HCOP as an assistant professor, she was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2006 and was named Davis Professor in 2015. Since 2019, Marlowe has also served as the founding director of the Auburn University Center for Opioid Research, Education and Outreach. As a practitioner, she has served as an adjunct faculty member in the University of South Alabama College of Medicine's Department of Internal Medicine since 2000. She is board certified in pharmacotherapy by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties and is credentialed in pain management by the American Academy of Pain Management. She is a certified pain educator and provides care for inpatient internal medicine patients, and maintains a consult service and patient advocacy program for patients with chronic pain or terminal illness.

Sean Smithgall, Pharm.D., joined the Harrison College of Pharmacy in August, 2016 and is currently an associate clinical professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice on the college's Mobile campus. Dr. Smithgall earned his Doctor of Pharmacy from East Tennessee State University College of Pharmacy in 2014. He went on to complete a PGY-1 residency in pharmacotherapy at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania. He followed that up with a PGY-2 residency in ambulatory care at the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University. As a clinical faculty member, Dr. Smithgall maintains a practice site in ambulatory care at the University of South Alabama Family Medicine Clinic in Mobile, Alabama. Dr. Smithgall has been a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist since 2017. He focuses in chronic disease state management, population health, and transitions of care. He cares for mainly indigent patients along the Gulf Coast. Dr. Smithgall is an active member in the Alabama Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ALSHP), the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). Dr. Smithgall's research interest include transitions of care, interprofessional education, and implementation of shared-decision-making models in primary care practice.

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