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Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder: Clinical Effectiveness, Safety, and Access

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Buprenorphine is a cornerstone medication for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) and plays a critical role in reducing overdose risk and improving treatment retention. This session provides an overview of buprenorphine's pharmacology, effectiveness, and role within evidence-based OUD treatment. Participants will review initiation strategies, maintenance therapy, and considerations for special populations. The session will also explore safety issues, diversion concerns, stigma, regulatory changes, and interdisciplinary collaboration to improve patient access and outcomes.

The registration fee for this program is Free

Following registration, participants will have access to course instructions, updates, presentations, webinar link, program evaluation, CE certificates and credits, etc. **This program is approved for 1 ACPE Contact Hours, .1 CEUs.** Once credit is awarded, transcripts will be available online within 24 hours on the learner's CPE Monitor profile at <http://nabp.pharmacy>

The Office of 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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This application-based course is intended for Pharmacists (ACPE), Pharmacy Technicians (ACPE), Physicians (ACCME), Physician Assistants (ACCME), Nurse Practitioners (ABN), Dentists (AL board approval), Nurses (ABN), Social Workers (ABSWE).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the mechanism of action and therapeutic benefits of buprenorphine in the treatment of opioid use disorder.
- Identify best practices for initiating and maintaining buprenorphine therapy in diverse clinical settings.
- Recognize safety considerations, contraindications, and strategies to reduce misuse and diversion.
- Discuss regulatory requirements, stigma-related barriers, and system-level factors affecting access to buprenorphine treatment

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, attend the live Zoom webinar, enter the attendance code within the course that was provided at the conclusion of the program, complete the 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.

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PROGRAM FACULTY

Dr. Engeriser attended medical school at Northwestern University and completed psychiatry residency training at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu. Dr. Engeriser served an additional three years in the Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he held the position of Chief, Department of Behavioral Health. After separating from the Army, Dr. Engeriser was Medical Director of Mid-Coast Mental Health Center/PenBay Psychiatry in Rockland, Maine. Prior to attending medical school, he completed a Master of Arts in Divinity at the University of Chicago and worked as a teacher of English at the Teacher Training College in Torun, Poland. Dr. Engeriser is a Past President of the Alabama Psychiatric Physicians Association, and he is currently President of the Alabama Society of Addiction Medicine. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and American Society of Addiction Medicine. He is currently the Deputy Chief Medical Officer for AltaPointe Health and is the Program Director for the Psychiatry Residency and Addiction Medicine Fellowship at the University of South Alabama.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Participants are encouraged to secure a direct connection for all webinar programming. Please arrange for access to a computer with stable internet connection and Zoom capabilities. This program will be conducted via Zoom and includes interactive components.

If you're a new participant, we have a quick start guide here: <https://aub.ie/zoomquickstart>.

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