



# Pain Management and Opioids

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- Discuss how we arrived at the place of the opioid epidemic, its current scope and where we are now.
- Clarify 2016 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids For Chronic Pain.
- Address the specific needs and how to address unmet needs for chronic pain patients.
- Delineate the significance of behavioral health for pain management.
- Recognize the stigma associated with opioid use disorder and have resources for speaking with patients.

**Target audience:** This course is designed for primary care physicians, pain management specialists, nurses, pharmacists, case managers, and family practitioners.



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