



Opioid and Naloxone Education

**Educational Objectives:**

**Pharmacist Engagement in the Community to Target Opioid Abuse Prevention**

Understand the impact of opioid misuse and use disorder in our community
Describe the pharmacology of opioids
Describe the brain's reward pathway and its impact on opioid misuse and use disorder
Describe the impact of certain medical conditions which may lead to a higher predisposition to opioid misuse and use disorder
Describe the impact of certain medical conditions and medications when used with opioids may lead to accidental overdose
Provide a platform for pharmacist prescribing of naloxone <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Legal/ND Board requirements</li><li>● Patient/care-giver payment</li></ul>
Utilize the <b>opioid triage tool</b> to identify patients who are receiving a opioid prescription who may be at risk of misuse, use disorder, or accidental overdose <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● ORT and screening questions</li><li>● Red flags</li></ul>
Apply a case-based approach to identify patients at risk of opioid misuse and use disorder using the <b>opioid triage tool</b>
Confidently provide consultation on the “pearls” of opioid pharmacotherapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Medication takeback programs</li><li>● Partial filling</li><li>● Nonpharmacological approaches</li><li>● Expectations for pain therapy (expected duration of therapy, goal setting, myth of pain freedom, risk of hyperalgesia)</li><li>● Naloxone (not formulation specific)</li></ul>
Integrate opioid triage tool into community pharmacy workflow <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Tips for success</li><li>● Personnel responsibilities (technician, intern, etc.)</li><li>● Reimbursement “how to”</li></ul>
Apply concepts learned to openly and confidently discuss the potential for opioid misuse and use disorder with patients
Confidently communicate with prescribers recommendations for changes in opioid therapy due to potential for opioid misuse and use disorder based on specific patient factors
Confidently refer patients at risk of misuse to community service agencies using the <b>community service toolkit</b>
Complete application for naloxone prescribing (online, NDBoP)