



NEJM Knowledge+ Pain Management and Opioids

Medical professionals need to stay on top of a constantly growing and evolving body of medical knowledge to provide the best patient care. Our nation's opioid epidemic makes the job even harder, requiring you to meet the needs of your patients while complying with requirements from regulatory and oversight organizations.

NEJM Knowledge+ Pain Management and Opioids addresses these needs and is the most efficient way to review the current, evidence-based clinical knowledge on opioid analgesics. And now, with the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act requires physicians, including residents and fellows, and other health care professionals who prescribe controlled substances, to complete at least eight hours of training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders, to obtain or renew their DEA license. This free NEJM Knowledge+ course meets the new one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioners and may meet the medical students' future needs.

Completing this free activity will improve your knowledge about:

- The fundamental concepts of pain management, including definitions and mechanisms of pain.
- How to assess patients in pain, while identifying risk factors for abuse and addiction.
- The range of therapeutic options for managing pain, including non-pharmacologic approaches and pharmacologic (non-opioid and opioid analgesics) therapies.
- How to integrate opioid analgesics into a pain treatment plan individualized to the needs of the patient.
- How to safely and effectively manage patients on opioid analgesics in acute and chronic pain settings, including initiating therapy, titrating, and discontinuing use of opioid analgesics.
- How to counsel patients and caregivers about the safe use of opioid analgesics, including proper storage and disposal.
- How to counsel patients and caregivers about the use of naloxone for opioid overdose.
- When referral to a pain specialist is appropriate.
- The fundamental elements of addiction medicine.
- How to identify and manage patients with opioid use disorder.

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