

Drug Interactions Affecting Opioid Response WEBINAR

Thursday, July 27 @ 2:00 p.m.

As the total number of opioid-related overdose deaths continues to increase, the topic of opioid use is one of the top health care issues in the country. Early identification of problematic opioid use and engagement in efforts to improve opioid prescribing are critical in preventing morbidity and mortality. Concerns with prescribing trends include increases in dosages of opioids prescribed and prescribing opioids for patients that may not optimally respond. There are myriad factors that influence dosages of opioids and patient opioid response. Among these factors, prescribers and other health care professionals should be able to appreciate the contribution of drug interactions to interindividual variations in opioid response.

The purpose of this webinar is to advance the national dialogue around the opioid epidemic with a solutions-oriented agenda that identifies opportunities for improving opioid prescribing by mitigating drug interactions influencing opioid response.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of this webinar, participants should be able to:

- 1. Recognize various mechanisms of opioid-related drug interactions
- 2. Discuss how competitive inhibition and genetic variants can influence opioid disposition and response
- 3. Describe strategies for mitigating drug interactions influencing opioid response
- 4. Apply mitigating strategies to patient case scenarios to improve opioid prescribing

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