

# The Opioid Crisis

## A Substance Abuse and Mental Health Crossroad

### A presentation for:

- Emergency department staff
- EMS providers & rescue personnel
- Law enforcement

Brought to you by the **North Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (NCW HERC)** and the **North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council (NCRTAC)**.

The United States is facing an opioid crisis with thousands of deaths directly attributed to opioids and/or opioid derivatives. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drug overdose deaths involving opioids have increased from 1999 to 2017; in fact, the number of opioid deaths is six times higher in 2017 than they were in 1999. **In 2017, 47,600 deaths involved opioids, far outpacing the 37,113 attributed to traffic crashes.**

Due to this growing crisis, the federal government has invested billions of dollars to combat what has become known as, "The Opioid Crisis." The goal of this cash influx is to raise awareness to the potential dangers of opioids, to bring awareness to prescription drug misuse/overuse, and to bring awareness to the vast and growing dangers of opioid derivatives.

### Session Objectives

- Overview of Opioid Awareness, Opioid Resources, and Provider Safety
- Overview the Stigma of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Promote Best Practices and Compassionate Care
- Identify Opioid Resources and Treatment
- Inspire Hope for a Better Tomorrow



**Join us to learn how we can make a difference, not just in reviving patients from their overdose but also in their long-term journey to recovery.**

**Marshfield Medical Center - Neillsville**  
Manz Conference Room

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Light dinner will be provided

RSVP Requested but not required

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Thank You!