



Physician Education Tools

Health plans, physician groups, and care systems are encouraged to sponsor and advocate educational programs to update clinicians about current, evidence-based safe opioid prescribing that are aligned with the CDC Guideline. A number of resources are available in this chapter to assist in organizing your own programs or referring clinicians to reputable programs.

1. **CDC Webinar Series CME**
(<https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/opioidresources.asp>)
2. **Boston University SCOPE of Pain online CME**
(<https://www.scopeofpain.com/online-training>)
3. **Providers' Clinical Support System for Opioid Therapies (PCSS-O) Webinar Series with CME**
(<http://pcss-o.org>)



The following PodCasts are now available
on either [iTunes](#) or [PCSS Podcast!](#)

Episode 1: The CDC Opioid Guidelines

Episode 2: Myths and Misconceptions of Medication-Assisted Treatment

Episode 3: Buprenorphine Induction

Episode 4: Opioid Use Disorder

Episode 5: Applications of the CDC Guidelines

Episode 6: Use of Opioids

If you're using a PC and already have iTunes downloaded, click on the small gray box at the top of the iTunes page to access all podcasts if the PCSS podcast page doesn't automatically open.



4. **American College of Physicians (ACP) SAFE Opioid Prescribing: Strategies, Assessment, Fundamentals. Education, CME**
(<https://www.acponline.org/meetings-courses/focused-topics/safe-opioid-prescribing>)
5. **AAFP (members only CME)**
(<http://www.aafp.org/cme/cmetopic/all/chronicopioidtherapy>)
6. **UC Davis Pain Management ECHO Telementoring Program Project**
(<http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/advancingpainrelief/Projects/ECHO.html>)

Medical Board of California Required CME on Pain Management and the Appropriate Treatment of the Terminally Ill

Most California-licensed physicians are required to take, as a one-time requirement, 12 hours of CME on pain management and the appropriate care and treatment of the terminally ill. Pathologists and radiologists are exempted from this requirement. The courses or programs must be presented by an organization accredited to provide CME by the ACCME, the AMA, the IMQ/CMA, or the AAFP. In addition to accrediting CME providers, AMA, IMQ/CMA, and AAFP may also present CME programs that will be accepted.

The 12 units may be divided in any way that is relevant to the physician's specialty and practice setting. Acceptable courses may address either topic individually or both topics together. For example, one physician might take three hours of "pain management education" and nine hours of "the appropriate care and treatment of the terminally ill;" a second physician might opt to take six hours of "pain management" and six hours of "the appropriate care and treatment of the terminally ill;" a third physician might opt to take one 12-hour course that includes both topics. The Medical Board will accept any combination of the two topics totaling 12 hours.

Physicians must complete the mandated hours by their second license renewal date or within four years, whichever comes first. The 12 required hours would count toward the 50 hours of approved CME each physician is required to complete during each biennial renewal cycle.