



# **PBI Prescribing Course:** Opioids, Pain Management, and Addiction

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**21 CME CREDIT HOURS\***

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**RX-21 EXTENDED TO 33 CME CREDIT HOURS\***  
EXTENDED WEEKLY, RELAPSE PREVENTION POST-COURSE  
TELECONFERENCES TO ELEVATE ACCOUNTABILITY AND MINIMIZE POTENTIAL  
FOR VIOLATION.

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PBI Education, a trade name of Professional Boundaries, Inc.

Faculty for this course is selected by PBI and approved by the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine Office of Continuing Medical Education

## Course Objectives

**Upon completion, participants should be able to:**

- Implement safer, more effective treatment with improved outcome through the application of a comprehensive knowledge of the spectrum of pain medications
- Apply the prescribing laws and regulations into clinical practice for the safe and effective use of opioids and controlled substances
- Produce and maintain medical records that are in compliance with prescribing laws and document appropriate management and treatment of chronic pain
- Differentiate opioid dependency and addiction to minimize abuse potential and maximize pain management

## Course Schedule & Outline

**THE COURSE BEGINS EACH DAY AT 8:00 AM AND CONCLUDES EACH DAY AT 5:00 PM. ALL OTHER TIMES MAY VARY.**

**This course is designed to be an interactive course with specific objectives to accomplish within the designated time frame. Participation in discussions is required throughout. In order to qualify for the CME credit hours, attendees must be present and participating for the full duration of the course. Lunch and break times may vary as needed. Please make arrangements accordingly.**

## **PRE-COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

- 6 hours of pre-course reading and written assignments submitted prior to the course
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### **LIVE COURSE, Day 1:**

#### **8:00 AM - 8:30 AM**

Introduction, Goals, and Objectives

- Course Overview
- Faculty financial disclosures
- Why is this course important?
- Defining the goals and objectives of this course

#### **8:30 AM - 9:00 AM**

Why are you here? (In detail) Introductions and explanations

#### **9:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

Reviewing your Prescribing Practice Self-Assessment Tool

- PPSAT
- Gaining Insight into your prescribing patterns that puts you, your patients, and your practice in harm's way

#### **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

Module 1 - Understanding Principles of Chronic Pain Management and Ethical Issues in Prescribing; the Healthcare Provider-Patient Relationship

- Definition of chronic pain
- Goals of chronic pain treatment
- Types of chronic pain
- Gold standard of assessing severity of chronic pain
- Treatment modalities for chronic pain
- Types of medications for chronic pain
- Role of a team approach - including family, pharmacist
- Ethical issues in treating chronic pain
- Healthcare provider-patient relationship
- Pharmacist's role
- Treating pain lacking clear objective signs

#### **10:30-10:45 BREAK**

#### **10:45 AM - 11:15 AM**

Module 2 - Special Issues in Chronic Pain: Fibromyalgia, headaches, backaches

- Fibromyalgia
  - definition
  - pathogenesis
  - associated symptoms
  - management

- Headaches
  - diagnosis
  - treatment
- Chronic back pain
  - causes
  - diagnosis
  - role of imaging
  - treatment

### **11:15 AM - NOON**

Module 3, Part 1 - Medications, Part 1: Non-opioids

- Non-opioid analgesics: acetaminophen, aspirin, NSAIDs, Cox-2 inhibitors, topical agents, nasal sprays, injection, antidepressants, muscle relaxants, anticonvulsants, stimulants, testosterone,
- Benzodiazepines
- Amphetamines
- Neuropathic pain
  - diagnosis
  - Canadian Pain Society guidelines for treatment
  - role of tricyclics
  - SNRIs
  - anticonvulsants
  - lidocaine patches
  - cannabinoids
  - tramadol
  - opioids including methadone

### **NOON - 1:00 PM**

LUNCH

### **1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

Module 3, Part 2 - Opioids: Pharmacokinetics, Metabolism, Conversion, Drug-Drug Interactions, Indications, Side Effects

- Professionals barriers to opioid prescribing
- Adverse effects of opioid therapy and their treatment
- Opioids that can be used in patients with organ dysfunction
- Tolerance - definition and role in pain management
- Physical dependence on opioids - definition and role in pain management
- Principles of opioid prescribing
- Long-acting opioids - rationale for use, and specific formulations, pharmacokinetics
- Breakthrough pain - causes of and treatment rationale
- Initiation of opioid treatment and titration
- Opioid equipotency and rotation
- Methadone - pharmacokinetics, mortality causes, methadone conversion, safe initiation and titration, and its drug-drug interactions

### **2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

- Prescribing laws, legal and disciplinary ramifications
- Board expectations
- Understanding the consequences of prescription violations
- Licensure and board certification impact
- Restrictions vs. regulation post-violation, working with your board for regulatory compliance

### **3:00 PM - 3:15 PM**

BREAK

### **3:15 PM - 4:00 PM**

Module 4: Addiction, Physical Dependence, Risk Assessment, and Safeguards

- Review of physical dependence
- Addiction: definition, diagnosis
- Pseudo-addiction (i.e., under-treated pain behaviors)
- Aberrant drug-related behavior less predictive of addiction
- Aberrant drug-related behaviors more predictive of addiction
- Differential diagnosis of aberrant drug-related behaviors
- Risk factors associated with opioid misuse
- Opioid risk assessment tools: Opioid Risk Tool, SOAPP
- Abuse deterrent opioids
- Chronic pain patient vs. addict

### **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Module 5: Maintaining and Monitoring Compliance - Medical Record Keeping, Urine Drug Screens, Exit Strategies for Controlled Substances

- Elements of the opioid agreement
- Urine drug testing: what it tests, how to order it, how to interpret, cautions
- Patient education: About addiction and physical dependence, avoiding withdrawal, treating supervening unrelated acute pain, continued attention to bowel regimen, expect to be stigmatized if you're hospitalized
- Positioning opioid therapy
- Evaluating treatment outcomes: the four A's plus 1 (analgesia, activities of daily living, adverse effects, aberrant drug-related behaviors, affect); frequency of office follow-up visits, frequency of urine drug tests, frequency of physical exams
- Exit strategies in opioid treatment: reasons for stopping opioid treatment, how to do it
- The chronic pain patient who wants off opioids
- Disposal of unused medications
- Treating an addiction patient for pain with opioids - what to do and how to do it
- Position papers on opioid prescribing
- Model guidelines for use of controlled substances for chronic pain
- Documentation - importance, and how to do it

## **LIVE COURSE, Day 2:**

### **8:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

- Professional boundaries and prescribing
- Improving clinical / ethical decision making
- Utilizing the Formula© for recognizing professional risk factors, personal vulnerabilities, and resistances that negatively impact decision making
- Creating and implementing a practice-based Stratified Protection Plan©
- Learning to say “no” and establishing health boundaries for a balanced life and more fulfilling practice

### **9:30 AM - 9:45 AM**

**BREAK**

### **9:45 AM - 11:00 AM**

Module 6: Lawful Prescribing and Prevention of Diversion - State and Federal Guidelines, How to Write a Prescription for a Controlled Substance, etc.

- Principle of balance: analgesia vs. abuse
- Illicit drug initiates - data
- Sources of non-medical use of analgesics
- Intent of Federal Controlled Substances (CS) regulations
- Lawful prescribing - definition
- Legitimate medical purpose - definition
- “Detox” vs. “Taper”
- Issuing a legal prescription for a CS
- E-prescribing of a scheduled drug
- Midlevel practitioners - regulations
- Federal law regarding schedule II refills
- Issuance of multiple prescriptions
- Original prescription required
- Changing attitudes towards under-treated pain
- State vs. federal regulations
- Need for ongoing risk assessment
- Identifying drug-seeking patients & signs of drug-seeking behavior
- Need for informed consent, consultations, periodic review
- Prescription monitoring programs - now 48 states have passed laws!
- Medical records
- How to write a prescription to avoid tampering
- Abuse-deterrent technologies

### **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Module 7: Case Reviews and Scenario Simulations

- Case vignettes and patient simulations will be presented to illustrate the various problems associated with treating chronic pain patients

### **NOON - 1:00 PM**

**LUNCH**

### **1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

- Managing the difficult patient
- Patient types and the interpretation of pain
- Co-morbidity: when pain is complicated by psychopathology
- Personality disorders and pain mood disorders
- Anxiety disorders
- Somatization disorders
- Treating the whole person - a team approach
- Special cases
- Demanding patients

### **2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

#### Module 8: "Difficult Conversations"

- What to do if a new patient on high-dose opioids is about to run out, has no medical records, wants opioid refill.
- What to do if patient has psychological comorbidity but wants only opioid treatment
- How best to state your goals
- How to deal with noncompliant patients

### **3:00 PM - 3:15 PM**

BREAK

### **3:15 PM - 5:00 PM**

- Developing a first draft of the Stratified Ethics Protection Plan
- Final Examination - Case-based discussion and oral presentation of your Personalized Protection Plan for feedback from classmates and faculty
- Following course evaluation, each participant will receive a CME certificate
- **Note:** A written final examination is available upon request if required by a regulatory agency

### **5:00 PM**

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**--- EXTENDED EDITION - 12 ADDITIONAL CME CREDIT HOURS AVAILABLE ---**

### **Teleconference Discussion**

- Telephonic Seminars (PBI Maintenance and Accountability Seminars): 12 hours (twelve 1-hour sessions)

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