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Fee

Pharmacists: \$250

Cancellations made 10 days in advance of class date are fully refundable. If cancelled in less than 10 days, there is no refund, however, you may reschedule for a future class.

Early Bird Rate:

Register by August 1st and save \$50

Location Information

WesternU, College of Pharmacy
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HPC 1st Floor AMP #1

Cannabis & Opioids in Chronic Pain: Clinical & Legal Updates

Pot & Painkillers on Parole

August 17, 2019

Course Overview:

The opioid epidemic and associated harms of prescription painkillers have led to legal and regulatory changes in the way opioids are prescribed, dispensed, and used clinically. In parallel, cannabis legalization has gained momentum, with several states relaxing regulation around its use in both medical and recreational contexts.

Today, much of the inappropriate prescribing of opioids stems from use in non-cancer related chronic pain (CP). While there are significant evidence gaps in the use of cannabis for CP, it is the indication with the most evidence from randomized trials currently. This has led some to postulate that cannabis may be a safer alternative to manage chronic pain and could be an important addition to the clinician's armamentarium in the treatment of chronic pain as well as curbing inappropriate prescription opioid use. However, cannabis is not risk free from a clinical perspective and may place clinicians in a precarious legal situation due to illicit status at the federal level.

This course will provide legal updates on cannabis as well as opioid dispensing. It will also summarize clinical updates on cannabis and opioids for the treatment of chronic pain.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify recent changes in legal requirements for appropriate opioid dispensing
- Articulate the current legal status of cannabis and cannabis products in the state of California and at the federal level
- Define trends in opioid and cannabis use in the United States
- Discuss cannabis pharmacology and the clinical evidence base supporting use in chronic pain
- Summarize best practices for prescribing opioids
- Compare and contrast benefits and risks of opioids and cannabis for the treatment of chronic pain



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CE Accreditation

Target Audience: Pharmacists

Activity Type: Knowledge



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4 Contact Hours

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Schedule 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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| • 8:00-9:00 | Dr. Tony Park |
| • 9:00-10:00 | Dr. Pon |
| • 10:00-10:15 | Break |
| • 10:15-11:15 | Dr. Malcom |
| • 11:15-12pm | Q & A Panel |

Prior to CE: To register and receive CE credit for this course you must visit <http://pharmacyce.westernu.edu>

1. Create a profile or log in if you already have one (skip to 3)
2. Click on the submit link at the bottom of profile page
3. Click "Click Here to Register for Upcoming Courses"
4. Click on August 17th CE to register.

Take the pre-test and register for the course.

After CE :

- Log back in
- Enter your code in the box next to Complete Live Programs icon
- Take the post-test and obtain a 70% pass rate & evaluate the program.

Your CE will electronically be submitted to CPE monitor. If you have any problems with this process, please contact Renee Cook at rcook@westernu.edu or 909-706-3826

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