

# Physician Training Opportunities

The current **opioid epidemic** in the US has been universally recognized as one of the most important public health issues to date.

## According to the most recent data

Approximately 92 million adults in America use prescription opioids and it is estimated that 11.5 million of them misused the drug and another 1.9 million Americans were identified as having an opioid use disorder.

Continuing medical education (CME) is an important tool that can be utilized to better identify and treat addiction, reduce opioid abuse, diversion and opioid related deaths. CME can improve doctors' clinical performance that ultimately impacts the quality of individual and community health outcomes.



## Available Opioid related CME

- 1** The Florida Medical Association offers the FMA Opioid Summit CME Course which includes archived material from the October 6, 2017 FMA Opioid Summit.  
[https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida\\_Public/Resources/Opioid/Opioid\\_CME.aspx](https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida_Public/Resources/Opioid/Opioid_CME.aspx)
- 2** The Florida Academy of Physician Assistants offers a controlled substances prescribing course addressing addiction, chemical dependency, tolerance, and drug-seeking behavior and resources for patients seeking recovery assistance.  
<http://www.fapaonline.org/news/343226/CONTROLLED-SUBSTANCES-COURSE-REGISTRATION.htm>
- 3** The American Medical Association and the Centers for Disease Control provides courses that can be used by primary care physicians who prescribe opioid analgesics for acute and chronic pain. A Primer on the Opioid Morbidity and Mortality Crisis: What Every Prescriber Should Know:  
[https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida\\_Public/Resources/Opioid/Opioid\\_CME.aspx](https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida_Public/Resources/Opioid/Opioid_CME.aspx)
- 4** Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) partnered with CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) and the University of Washington to present a 2016 COCA Call series about CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. There are seven webinars in the COCA Call series. Each webinar was recorded and can now be viewed on demand. Free continuing education is available for each webinar.  
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/opioidresources.asp>
- 5** RiverMend Health Institute courses specific to addiction medicine and offers free online CME courses (5.5 credits) along with additional online resources; interviews, presentations and calendar of upcoming CME events.  
<https://www.rivermendhealth.com/resources/continuingeducation.html>