

# Join the AMA Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse at an educational session:

## Combating America's Opioid Epidemic—Strategies for Physicians and Medical Societies

**9:30–11 a.m.**  
**Monday, Nov. 16**  
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### AGENDA

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| 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Introduction: Overview of the AMA Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse</b><br>Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, chair-elect, Board of Trustees, AMA, chair, AMA Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse                                                        |
| 9:35 a.m.  | <b>Overview of the prescription opioid and heroin epidemic in the United States</b><br>Thomas R. Frieden, MD, MPH, director, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention                                                                             |
| 9:50 a.m.  | <b>The benefits of accessing and using data from prescription drug monitoring programs</b><br>Sharon Meieran, MD, JD, emergency psychiatric services lead physician, ED, Kaiser Sunnyside and Westside Medical Centers                            |
| 10:05 a.m. | <b>Reducing patient stigma associated with chronic pain</b><br>Daniel B. Carr, MD, professor, Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, president-elect, American Academy of Pain Medicine |
| 10:20 a.m. | <b>Reducing stigma in patients with substance use disorders</b><br>Richard Soper, MD, JD, medical director, Center for Behavioral Wellness, Nashville, Tenn.                                                                                      |
| 10:35 a.m. | <b>Key steps that every physician can take to help prevent opioid-related harm</b><br>Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, chair-elect, Board of Trustees, AMA, chair, AMA Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse                                                |
| 10:50 a.m. | <b>Moderated Q &amp; A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11 a.m.    | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## EDUCATION SESSION OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, physicians will be able to:

1. Describe key data surrounding the nation's opioid misuse, overdose and death epidemic.
2. Discuss the benefits of effectively using prescription drug monitoring programs.
3. Explain why it is important to reduce the stigma associated with being in pain or having a substance-use disorder.
4. Employ key steps that help prevent opioid-related overdose and death, and other opioid-related harms.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is targeted to all physicians and medical students, especially the decision-makers attending the 2015 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates.

## STATEMENT OF NEED:

Due to the considerable attention focused on the nation's opioid-related epidemic, and given the AMA's longstanding efforts to reduce the epidemic, this is an issue of high importance to the profession. This interest is reflected by the fact that nearly every state has considered—and enacted—multiple pieces of legislation, and that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies are devoting considerable resources to this issue. Despite these efforts, more than 16,000 patients annually suffer an unintentional overdose and death from opioid analgesics, and more than 8,000 deaths occur annually from heroin overdoses. A large number of individuals dying from heroin had used prescription opioid analgesics in the previous year. A need exists for the physician community to accept ownership of this issue and provide leadership to reduce harm from prescription opioids. The AMA Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse represents a concerted effort to bring the nation's medical societies together to develop and implement key recommendations showing physicians taking the lead to reverse the crisis. This educational event will be the first opportunity for the task force to present its recommendations in a national forum to the leaders of organized medicine—and to clinicians as part of the national effort to reduce the epidemic.

## STATEMENT OF COMPETENCY.

This activity is designed to address the following ABMS/ACGME competencies:

1. Patient care
2. Medical knowledge

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