

# The Opioid Epidemic: What's a Pharmacist Supposed to Do? (Technicians)

**Program Description and Goal:** The rapid and marked rise of opioid abuse in the United States has led to both federal and state responses. In May 2017, the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy revised their continuing education requirements for pharmacists to require that each licensed pharmacist obtain at least one hour of continuing education "related to approved procedures for monitoring controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, and IV". This program was developed to provide education for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on the scope of the opioid epidemic, the responsibilities and liability of pharmacists when dispensing opioids, and the dispensing of naloxone for prevention of an overdose.

**Note:** *While this program will serve as a review and update on the opioid epidemic for any practitioner, the specific protocols and requirements for pharmacists in South Carolina are reviewed and may differ for other states.*

## **Educational Objectives:**

After completing this program, the pharmacy technician shall be able to:

- Describe the scope of the opioid abuse problem in the US
- Identify red flag indicators that can help detect illegitimate opioid prescriptions
- Recall the attributes of a valid patient-physician relationship
- Define corresponding responsibility and how it relates to a controlled substance prescription and a pharmacist's duty
- Identify five management strategies to reduce the risk of liability for dispensing controlled substance prescriptions
- Discuss a case involving controlled substances and a patient overdose

**Target Audience:** Pharmacy Technicians

**Faculty:** Gene Reeder, PhD, RPh

Dr. Reeder serves as the Director of Outcomes Research for the Kennedy Pharmacy Innovation Center and Professor Emeritus at the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. He has a B.S. and an M.S. in Pharmacy and a Ph.D. in Business Administration. He received the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2015.

**Credit Hours Available:** **This program was recorded and adapted from a live activity at the SCCP Fall CE Conference in Columbia, SC on November 4, 2017.** The program is accredited for 1.0 home study hours (0.10 CEUs). The video presentation is 52 minutes long, and there is an 8 question post-test required after the recording has been viewed.

**How to Earn Credit:** During the period January 10, 2018 through August 31, 2018, participants must 1) read the learning objectives and faculty disclosures, 2) listen to the video presentation and the interactivity, and 3) complete the posttest with a score of at least 70% and the evaluation form. To receive credit, you must provide your date of birth and NABP number. CE credit will be submitted to the NABP CE Monitor.

## **Required Computer Hardware/Software**

Please ensure the computer system you plan to use meets the following minimum requirements:

- Operating System: Windows, Mac OS and Linux
- Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher; Mozilla Firefox 3.0 or higher; Google Chrome
- Computer Speakers or headphones connected to your computer
- Broadband Internet Connection: Cable, High-speed DSL or T1
- Monitor Screen Resolution: 320x480 or higher
- Media Viewing Requirements: Adobe Reader, Adobe Flash Player, Microsoft Power Point and HTML

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**Provider Contact Information:** For questions regarding this continuing education activity, please contact our office at CE@cop.sc.edu or 803-777-9979.

**Fee:** \$15.00

**CE Hours:** 1.00

**CE Hours:** 0.100

**Activity Type:** Knowledge

**Target Audience(s):** Pharmacy Technicians

### **Accreditation(s)**



The University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

### **Requirements for CE Credit**

In order to receive credit for this home study program, participants must:

1. Read the learning objectives and faculty disclosures
2. Review the video presentation and interactivity
3. Complete the post-test with a score of at least 70%
4. Complete the program evaluation form.

In order for credit to be transmitted to the NABP CPE Monitor, participants must provide their month and day of birth and NABP e-Profile ID number. Registration with a proper disclosure of the NABP E-Id is a requirement for receiving Continuing Pharmacy Education. To register with NABP CPE Monitor or look up your NABP E-profile ID, please visit their site at <https://nabp.pharmacy/cpe-monitor-service/>. Failure to follow this process within the required timeframe will result in loss of credit. If you would like a paper statement of credit, you may print an individual statement or a transcript from your NABP e-profile.

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