

# SCOPE of Pain: Free Seminar

## Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education



Monday, March 9th, 2015 6:00pm-9:00pm

UMass Medical School  
Amphitheater II S4-102  
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### What is SCOPE of Pain?

SCOPE of Pain is designed to help you safely and effectively manage patients with pain, when appropriate, with opioid analgesics. The meeting includes essential clinical content on opioid prescribing as well as state-specific information.

SCOPE of Pain Massachusetts is sponsored by Boston University School of Medicine with local partners the Northwestern District Attorney and the Worcester County District Attorney. National collaborators include the Council of Medical Specialty Societies and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

### Who is this training for?

Physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, nurses, dentists, pharmacists and allied healthcare professionals.

### Why offer this training?

The FDA has mandated manufacturers of extended release/long-acting (ER/LA) opioid analgesics, as part of a comprehensive Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), to make available comprehensive prescriber education in the safe use of these medications. This training is based on the FDA curriculum known as the Blueprint for Prescriber Education for Extended Release and Long-Acting Opioid (ER/LA) analgesics. Our curriculum covers all aspects of this blueprint and more to provide a comprehensive educational program.

### Educational Objectives

At the completion of this education activity, you should be able to:

- ◆ Employ appropriate assessment, monitoring and documentation strategies to meet best practice standards and medico-legal requirements when treating patients with chronic opioid therapy (COT)
- ◆ Apply a practical framework for decision-making on the initiation, dosage modification, and discontinuation of opioid analgesics in the treatment of chronic pain
- ◆ Employ consistent practice tools to adequately assess risk in patients being considered for COT and to effectively manage COT
- ◆ Confidently counsel patients and caregivers about the safe use of opioid medications and communicate about the need for close monitoring
- ◆ Effectively communicate with patients whom you suspect may be misusing opioid analgesics
- ◆ Demonstrate increased understanding of general and product-specific information of ER/LA opioid analgesics

### Accreditation

Daniel P. Alford, MD, MPH, FACP, FASAM, Boston University School of Medicine, Course Director

#### Physicians

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Boston University School of Medicine and with local partners. Boston University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Boston University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of **3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

#### Nurses

Continuing Nursing Education Provider Unit, Boston University School of Medicine is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. **CNE Contact Hours: 3**

#### AAFP

This live activity, SCOPE of Pain: Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education, from November 14, 2014–November 13, 2015, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to **2 Prescribed Credits** by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

#### Disclosure of Support

This educational activity is supported by an independent educational grant from the ER/LA Opioid Analgesic REMS Program Companies. Please see [www.er-la-opioidREMS.com](http://www.er-la-opioidREMS.com) for a listing of the member companies. This activity is intended to be fully compliant with the ER/LA Opioid Analgesic REMS education requirements issued by the US Food & Drug Administration.

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