

The Virginia Board of Pharmacy is pleased to inform you that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is hosting a series of free continuing education (CE) webinars for health care providers on the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.

The content of the webinar will include an overview of the CDC recommendations, and participants will learn when and how opioids should be initiated for chronic pain, how to assess risk and address harms of opioid use, and when and how opioids should be discontinued. In addition, the content will include an interactive discussion of case studies illustrating how to implement the recommendations in practice. Health care providers who seek to earn CE credit will need to register [online](#).

The next webinar, “Non-opioid treatments (Addressing Recommendation 1),” in the seven-part series about the [CDC Guideline](#) will be held on July 27, 2016. The third webinar, “Assessing benefits and harms of opioid therapy (Addressing Recommendations 1, 2, 7, 8),” will be held on August 3, 2016, and the fourth webinar, “Dosing and titration of opioids (Addressing Recommendations 4, 5, 7),” will be held on August 17, 2016. The remaining webinars are scheduled to broadcast later this year.

For more information, please visit <http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/>

Thank you.

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