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Advanced Practice Provider Executives

Controlled Substances: Understanding Opioids & Pain

Course Overview

The controlled substances education course opens with a review the pathophysiology and assessment of acute and chronic pain. Subsequent topics include: the therapeutic management of acute and chronic pain; psychiatric and behavioral conditions requiring the use of scheduled medications; assessment, evaluation, and documentation; legal and ethical responsibilities; and drug misuse, abuse, diversion, and addiction.

Specific learning objectives for each topic can be found [HERE](#).

This course is designed to meet the needs of prescribing medical providers, particularly physician assistants (PAs), nurse practitioners (NPs) and physicians (MDs/DOs).

Six (6) CE/CME credits (PAs: Category 1 CME)

Successful completion of this course (attendance, post-test, evaluation):

- Allows PAs to write for controlled substances without patient-specific approval [CA]
 - Satisfies requirements of Business and Professions Code section 3502.1(c)(2), under California Department of Consumer Affairs, PA Board
- Allows NPs to order/prescribe/furnish Schedule II medications [CA]
 - Satisfies requirements of Business and Profession Code, Section 2836.1(g)(3) and meets California Board of Registered Nursing continuing education requirement for controlled substances Schedule II approval for NPs

Monthly Courses

Saturdays (some Fridays, check schedule online)

9:00AM – 4:00PM PST

Course Location

Virtual | Online (via Zoom)

This program has been reviewed and is approved for a maximum of six (6) hours of AAPA Category 1 CME credit by the Physician Assistant Review Panel.

*Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing,
Provider # 16233, for six (6) contact hours*

Register online at: www.APPexecutives.org/controlled-substances-courses

*All course purchases and registrations final. No refunds offered.