Educational Objectives

✔ Describe the nature of chronic pain and options for its treatment.
✔ Select patients who are appropriate candidates for opioid management of chronic pain.
✔ Define risk factors for potential misuse or abuse of prescribed opioid medications, recognize the importance of consistent screening for risk prior to prescribing, and outline a time-efficient method of screening for risk.
✔ Follow an evidence-based protocol for starting patients on opioid analgesic therapy, including issues specific to safely initiating and titrating opioids.
✔ Recognize and address aberrant drug-taking behaviors, and be able to distinguish unintentional misuse and “pseudoaddiction” or “chemical coping” from deliberate misuse, abuse and diversion.
✔ Outline an effective approach to clarify and intervene appropriately with aberrant drug-taking behaviors, including referral to specialized addiction treatment programs when indicated.

Accreditation Statement
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 the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The American Society of Addiction Medicine designates this activity for a maximum of 6.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Prescribers Clinical Support System for Opioids
As an extension of this program, registrants will be connected with mentors through a national Federally-funded program, the Prescribers Clinical Support System for Opioids (PCSS-O). They will have access to a physician experienced in prescription of methadone for chronic pain who will be available for one year after the conference for one-to-one communication by telephone or e-mail to answer specific questions. See www.pcss-o.org for details.
Program Description
Do you prescribe opioid medications?
If so, this program is for you.

Each year, millions of patients are treated for a variety of serious medical conditions with prescription drugs whose therapeutic benefits are accompanied by psychoactive effects. Recent indicators reveal that rates of opioid misuse and overdose are rising, confronting physicians and other health care professionals with the challenge of minimizing the potential for misuse without impeding patients’ access to needed medical care.

This course will provide specific knowledge and skills associated with safe prescribing and will address areas of epidemiology, legal and regulatory issues, as well as clinical strategies for reducing the risk of opioid misuse and overdose and managing difficult patient situations.

Who Should Attend
The course is designed for all clinicians practicing in primary care settings — physicians, dentists, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, and others — who prescribe opioid medications or care for patients taking opioid medications.

Faculty
- **LOUIS E. BAXTER, SR., M.D., FASAM**, Executive Medical Director, Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey, and Director, American Board of Addiction Medicine, and Immediate Past President, American Society of Addiction Medicine
- **JEFFREY A. BERMAN, M.D., FASAM**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Medical Director, Summit Oaks Hospital, Summit, New Jersey
- **ROBERT EILERS, M.D., M.P.H.**, Medical Director, New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, New Jersey Department of Health, Trenton, New Jersey
- **KENNETH W. FAISTL, M.D., FAAFP**, President, New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians
- **LAURA F. McNICHOLAS, M.D., PH.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia VA Medical Center
- **MARY E. O’DOWD, M.P.H.**, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health, Trenton, New Jersey (invited)
- **STEPHEN A. WYATT, D.O.**, Director, Dual Diagnosis Program, Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, Connecticut

Syllabus
Course participants will receive a complimentary syllabus in both print form and on CD-Rom, as well as a copy of the handbook, Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Physician’s Guide by pain expert Scott Fishman, M.D. The handbook, which summarizes clinical advice and generally accepted prescribing practices, has been endorsed by the Federation of State Medical Boards and is approved for an additional 7.25 Category 1 CME credits.

Date and Location
**SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014**
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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