

Free Educational Forums on Prescription Drug Abuse

Community and health organizations are joining forces to host a series of forums in Southwest Virginia that will educate health care providers, prescribers and pharmacy professionals on current best practices of how to prevent, identify and treat prescription drug abuse.

Dates and Locations:

- **Saturday, July 16** - Wytheville Community College, Grayson Hall, Wytheville, VA
- **Sunday, July 17** - New River Community College, Rooker Hall, Dublin, VA
- **Saturday, Sept. 17** - Southwest Virginia Community College, King Community Center, Richlands, VA
- **Sunday, Sept. 18** - Mountain Empire Community College, Goodloe Center, Big Stone Gap, VA

Registrations and Fees: There are **no fees** for this activity. However, advance registration is required. To register go to <http://www.etsu.edu/com/cme/> and scroll down to the green bar on the lower right portion of the web page.

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (*registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m.*)

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Target Audience: Practicing/Licensed M.D.s/D.O.s, Dentists, APNs, PAs, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians and Interns, and Medical Students in the Commonwealth.

Learning Objectives: As a result of participating in this activity, the attendee should be able to:

- Explain and demonstrate the legal and regulatory requirements for using controlled substances to treat chronic pain in Virginia.
- Illustrate how health care providers can work with law enforcement to curb prescription drug abuse in our region.
- Compare options available for treatment of opiate dependence (i.e., methadone maintenance therapy and buprenorphine) with a focus on safety, efficacy, and appropriate prescribing precautions.
- Describe the universal precautions for prescribing controlled substances.
- Demonstrate how to use the PMP as a resource in patient-centered care.

This program is supported by:

- Food City Pharmacies
- Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA)
- Virginia Association for Hospices and Palliative Care (VAHPC)
- Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, Inc. (VACSB)
- Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners (VCNP)
- Virginia Dental Association (VDA)
- Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA)
- Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA)

ACCME Accreditation: Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CME Credit: Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University designates this live activity for a maximum of **4.0 AMA PRA Category 1 CreditsTM**. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Joint Sponsorship: 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 Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University and The Medical Society of Virginia. Quillen College of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AAFP Prescribed Credits: Pending: Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending.