

CDC Provider Modules for Opioid Guidelines

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- 1** [Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: Recommendations from CDC](#)
Get an overview of the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. This module explains the rationale for the Guideline's creation, highlights key recommendations, and describes the benefits of implementing the Guideline.
- 2** [Treating Chronic Pain Without Opioids](#)
Review various options and tools for managing chronic pain. Skills include identifying appropriate nonopioid medications and nonpharmacologic treatments and facilitating a patient-centered approach.
- 3** [Communicating With Patients](#)
Learn communication strategies they can use when treating chronic pain, including motivational interviewing.
- 4** [Reducing the Risks of Opioids](#)
Learn best risk mitigation strategies and when to employ them when prescribing an opioid.
- 5** [Assessing and Addressing Opioid Use Disorder](#)
Learn methods for assessing and addressing an opioid use disorder when it is suspected.
- 6** [Dosing and Titration of Opioids: How Much, How Long, and How and When to Stop](#)
Learn methods for properly dosing and titrating opioids in order to reduce risk of opioid use disorder and overdose

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- 7** [Determining Whether to Initiate Opioids for Chronic Pain](#)
Learn mechanisms for deciding if opioids should be prescribed, and next steps for treatment – whether opioid or non-opioid treatments are selected
- 8** [Implementing CDC's Opioid Prescribing Guideline into Clinical Practice](#)
Learn quality improvement strategies and tools to help incorporate Guideline recommendations into clinical workflow.
- 9** [Opioid Use and Pregnancy](#)
Learn about unique considerations that come with opioid use during pregnancy, and best practices for providing care for both the mother and baby.
- 10** [Motivational Interviewing: Difficult Conversations](#)
Focus on the use of motivational interviewing during the management and treatment of chronic pain, which can enhance patients' motivation to change behaviors relative to chronic pain conditions. The content includes principles, steps, and best practices.
- 11** [Collaborative Patient-Provider Relationship in Opioid Clinical Decision Making](#)
Learn ways to strengthen the provider-patient relationship and coordinate care with other specialists to support shared-decision making in the use of opioids for chronic pain.

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