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## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

The Pennsylvania Board of Medicine is presenting a free CME course on Extended-Release and Long- Acting (ER/LA) Opioid Analgesics Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS). This course qualifies as FDA REMS-compliant training.

Opioid abuse is considered a national epidemic and Pennsylvania ranks in the top 10 of states experiencing overdose deaths and overdose related hospital admissions. Studies have shown that health care practitioner assessment and management of patient pain continues to be inadequate while rates of misuse and abuse resulting in addiction, drug poisoning, and overdose deaths are rising.

The Board of Medicine strongly encourages all licensees who prescribe ER/LA Opioids to attend this course. Chronic pain is a major public health problem in the United States and has been estimated to affect up to a third of Americans.

**Date: September 16, 2014 at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Location: Pennsylvania Convention Center**

**1101 Arch St. Philadelphia, PA 19107**

**Lecturer: Michael Ashburn, MD, MPH, MBA**

**R.S.V.P to [st-medicine@pa.gov](mailto:st-medicine@pa.gov) seats are limited**

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

This activity is intended for health care professionals who prescribe ER/LA Opioids.

### CREDIT DESIGNATION:

#### Physicians and Physician Assistants

The University of Nebraska Medical Center, Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>. The AOA Council on Continuing Medical Education, through its accredited CME sponsor, the American Osteopathic Association of Medical Informatics, has designated this live activity for a maximum of 3 AOA Category 2B credits. Participants must complete the entire course to obtain credit.

### OTHER PRESCRIBERS:

CRNPs will be provided a certificate of attendance from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Center for Continuing Education, an ACCME-accredited provided.

### METHOD OF PARTICIPATION / HOW TO RECEIVE CREDIT

1. There are no fees for participating in and receiving credit for this activity.

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2. Review the activity objectives and CME/CE information.

3. Complete the CME activity.

4. Complete the CME evaluation/attestation form, which provides each participant with the opportunity to comment on how participating in the activity will affect their professional practice; the quality of the instructional process; the perception of enhanced professional effectiveness; the perception of commercial bias; and his/her views on future educational needs.

5. Your CME/CE certificate will be mailed to you within 90 days.

**\*This course will be offered in Pittsburgh as well, tentatively scheduled for September 30, 2014. Time and location TBD.**

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL HEALTH-RELATED LICENSEES AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

### ACT 31 OF 2014 – INITIAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION IN CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA), in conjunction with the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), is providing advance notice to all health-related licensees and funeral directors that are considered “mandatory reporters” under section 6311 of the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) (23 P.S. § 6311), as amended, that EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, all persons applying for issuance of an initial license shall be required to complete 3 hours of DPW-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure.

Additionally, EFFECTIVE WITH THE FIRST LICENSE RENEWAL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2015, all health-related licensees and funeral directors applying for the renewal of a license issued by the Board shall be required to complete at least 2 hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of renewal.

Please note that Act 31 applies to all health-related licensees, regardless of whether they are subject to the continuing education requirements of the applicable board.

More information regarding this requirement will be posted on the BPOA website when it is available.

Act 31 may be reviewed at the following link:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2014&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=31>