

# Meeting the Challenges of Opioids and PAIN

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12:00 – 1:00 PM

**Topic:** The surge in opioid use and misuse in the US is well known and highly publicized. This webinar will introduce participants to two new resources to help address this issue in clinical practice.

- **Minnesota Opioid Prescribing Guidelines** - Released in April, 2018 these guidelines cover all phases of pain – acute, post-acute and chronic. This webinar will provide an overview of these guidelines.
- **Provider Toolkit** - Tools, resources and educational opportunities to improve clinical approaches to patients with pain. This toolkit includes opioid prescribing guidelines, best practices and resources on shared decision making, screening for risk factors, patient education and pharmacy resources.



**Presenter(s):** Brad Johnson, MD is the Medical Director for South Country Health Alliance and a member of the Minnesota Opioid Prescribing Work Group which developed the Opioid Prescribing Guidelines being discussed. Dr. Johnson has over 27 years of clinical experience, including both private practice and employed medical practice, and 20 years of administrative experience as a health care provider.

Patty Graham, with HealthPartners is involved with the MN Health Plan collaborative that is working on reducing the rate of new chronic users of opioids in the Medicaid population, and developed the Opioid Toolkit.

## Who should participate/Audience:

Health care providers, nurses, public health, health educators, social workers, therapists, Community Health Workers and anyone who interacts with individuals dealing with pain.

## Objectives:

- Identify key components in the MN Opioid Prescribing Guidelines
- Identify important elements when educating patients about pain and non-pharmacological alternatives
- Understand how to effectively utilize the Opioid Provider toolkit

**CEU** - Participants should contact their relevant licensing board to determine if this program will meet continuing education requirements and CEU values.

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