

## **Committee on Prescription Drug Abuse Tactics: For Action**

The question before the BOD is approval of the tactics for 2015 developed by the Committee on Prescription Drug Abuse at the direction of the BOD

1. Develop and support physician education regarding opioid prescribing and the DORA Opioid Policy:
  - a. Develop a tool kit for Primary Care Providers (PCP) that contains a resource list of treatment options and guidelines on how to wean and transfer opioid dependent patients;
  - b. Work with CPEP to develop a PCP skill-set workshop (based on the Vanderbilt Curriculum);
  - c. Support the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's Chronic Pain Disease Management Program and encourage CMS physicians to participate.
2. Support the Colorado Consortium on Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention by encouraging CMS physicians to participate in the Consortium Workgroups.
  - a. Support the Colorado Consortium by working with other stakeholders to secure stable funding for its activities;
  - b. Educate physicians on the limits of PDMP disclosures;
  - c. Work with the Public Awareness workgroup to develop public service announcements;
  - d. Monitor medication takeback/lockup/disposal issues.
3. Participate with the University of Colorado School of Public Health on opioid and other prescription drug abuse-related research and data collection.

Background: CMS strongly supports Governor John Hickenlooper's efforts to reverse the escalating trend of opioid abuse and misuse and its often tragic consequences in Colorado. The 2013 HOD approved a CMS platform on prescription drug abuse and the BOD appointed a special Committee on Prescription Drug Abuse in early 2014. CMS actively participates in the Colorado Consortium to Reduce Prescription Drug Abuse and has been educating its members about the crisis over the past two years. The BOD approved the following GOST in November 2014.

Goal: Assure access to compassionate, evidence-based care for patients who suffer from acute and chronic pain while reducing the potential

for medically inappropriate use and diversion of prescribed medications (HOD Policy)

- Objective: Implement the CMS platform on prescription drug abus
- Strategy: Collaborate and work through the Colorado Consortium to Reduce Prescription Drug Abuse
- Tactics: To be determined by the Committee on Prescription Drug Abuse