



Boston University School of Medicine's Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education (SCOPE of Pain)

For over 5 years, Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) has been offering safe opioid prescribing education to Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Nurses. To date, we have trained over 125,000 clinicians in safe opioid prescribing via our on-line programming and live meetings in 26 states.

SCOPE of Pain

The FDA mandated that manufacturers of extended release/long-acting (ER/LA) opioid analgesics, as part of a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), make available comprehensive prescriber education in the safe use of these medications based on the FDA curriculum known as the Blueprint for Prescriber Education. BUSM was awarded the first unrestricted educational grant to provide this education. The program is under the direction of Dr. Daniel Alford and provided by BUSM in collaboration with the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) and the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).

Designed for physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, physician assistants, dentists, and pharmacists, SCOPE of Pain will help you safely and competently manage your patients with chronic pain. You'll meet Mary Williams, a 42-year-old woman with painful diabetic neuropathy and chronic low back pain. Through her case, you'll learn how to: 1) determine the appropriateness of opioid analgesics; 2) assess for opioid misuse risk; 3) counsel patients about opioid safety, risks and benefits; 4) competently monitor patients prescribed opioids for benefit and harm; 5) decide on continuing, modifying, or discontinuing opioid analgesics; 6) safely discontinue opioids when there is too little benefit or too much risk and harm.

Based on a 2-month follow up evaluation of approximately almost 5,000 participants, SCOPE of Pain improved participants knowledge, attitudes, confidence and self-reported clinical practice in safe opioid prescribing. The SCOPE of Pain program received a 2014 Outstanding Prevention Effort award from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

SCOPE of Pain is available in several training modalities: online, live meetings, and a print version. The program has been adopted by healthcare systems, medical schools, and professional liability insurance companies as mandatory or suggested training for clinicians.

Accreditation

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Physicians

Boston University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Nurses

Continuing Nursing Education Provider Unit, Boston University School of Medicine is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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