

Opioid Pain Management

Provider Continuing Education Resources

The Food and Drug Administration is requiring completion of Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) for opioids. Appropriate pain management requires ongoing education regarding safe opioid use. The Drug Utilization Review Board is providing links to continuing education materials related to REMS and pain management with opioids as well as available pain management certification programs. (Press the control key while clicking on the text highlighted in blue to follow the guideline link.)

FDA required Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) for opioids

- [Transmucosal immediate-release fentanyl \(TIRF\) oral and sublingual dosage forms](#)
- [Buprenorphine-containing Transmucosal products for Opioid Dependence \(BTOD\)](#)
- [Extended-release and long-acting opioid analgesics](#)

Pain management-related continuing education activities

- [Opioid analgesics REMS-compliant CME/CE activities](#)
- [Illinois State Medical Association](#) - Free, 1-hr AMA, on-demand, Collaborative on REMS Education (CO*RE) course: Achieving Safe Use While Improving Patient Care for physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses.
- [American Medical Association – Pain management CE series.](#)
- [American Academy of Family Physicians.](#) ER/LA Opioid REMS: Achieving Safe Use While Improving Patient Care.
- [CO*RE. Collaborative for REMS Education.](#)
- [OpioidRisk. Improving provider skills in reducing the risk of opioid therapy.](#)
- [Utah State Medical Association](#)
 - [Controlled Substances: Education for the Prescriber.](#) Continuing education credit for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, podiatrists, and dentists. (\$10)

Certification programs for pain management

- [American Board of Pain Medicine. Certification Examination in Pain Medicine.](#)
- Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. [Safe Prescriber Program](#)
- [American Academy of Pain Management Credential](#)
- [Registered Nurse Pain Management Certification](#)