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, opioid pain management, and available pain management certification programs.

**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
  - May 18, 2018 program: Tackling the opioid epidemic from a legal, policy, and medical perspective.
  - The Prescription Monitoring Program In Illinois: A Clinical Tool In Improving Prescribing Decisions
  - Opioid prescribing: Safe practice, changing lives
- American Medical Association
  - Opioids and pain management CE courses
  - Reversing the Opioid epidemic
- American Academy of Family Physicians
  - Pain management CME
- CO*RE Collaborative for Relevant Education on pain, opioids, addiction.
- Utah State Medical Association
  - Controlled Substances: Education for the Prescriber. Continuing education credit for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, podiatrists, and dentists. (fee)

**Certification programs for pain management**
- Illinois Academy of Family Physicians Safe Prescriber Program Resources for opioid prescribers
- Registered Nurse Pain Management Certification
- Advanced Pain Management Practitioner Certificate Program
- American Pain Association certification courses