INTENSIVE COURSE IN
Prescribing of Controlled Drugs and Controversies of Pharmacology Prescribing

Presented by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the Alabama Board of Nursing

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
The course in Prescribing of Controlled Drugs and Controversies of Pharmacology Prescribing is designed for physicians in all specialties, as well as physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners and nurse midwives, who need or wish to increase their knowledge and ability to effectively prescribe controlled medications that have the potential for misuse and abuse.

Statement of Need
Controlled substances are prescribed and dispensed today at an increasing rate to help patients cope with pain, insomnia, anxiety, depression, ADHD and a myriad of other disorders. Studies show that most practitioners are rather conservative when prescribing controlled drugs, while a small number are at times overly aggressive. In addition, controlled substance medications are falling into the hands of increasing numbers of prescription drug abusers.

How can the practitioner more effectively understand the pharmacologic profiles for controlled drugs, identify diagnostic criteria for appropriate prescribing and consider the therapeutic implications of specific substance use by individual patients? This special intensive course has been developed to enhance the physician’s ability to effectively prescribe controlled medications, while minimizing their misuse whenever possible.

For More Information
Contact the Medical Association’s Education Department at (334) 954-2500 or (800) 239-6272 or go to www.alamedical.org/Prescribing.

DATES AND DETAILS
March 25-26
Embassy Suites Montgomery Hotel
300 Tallapoosa Street | Montgomery
Room Rate: $129 (plus applicable taxes)
Room Block Deadline: March 4, 2017
Room Block Code: Medical Association
Reservations: (800) 362-2779

July 7-9
The Grand Hotel
One Grand Boulevard | Point Clear
Room Rate: $234 (plus applicable taxes)
Room Block Deadline: June 6, 2017
Room Block Code: Medical Association
Reservations: (800) 544-9933

November 17-19
Hyatt Regency Birmingham/The Wynfrey Hotel
1000 Riverchase Galleria | Birmingham
Room Rate: $137 (plus applicable taxes)
Room Block Deadline: Oct. 17, 2017
Room Block Code: Medical Association
Reservations: (800) 233-1234

Important Details
Bringing a sweater or jacket is advised as meeting room temperatures are difficult to regulate to everyone’s comfort.

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Participant Learning Objectives
After attending this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the pharmacologic profiles of benzodiazepines, opiates and other controlled drugs.
- Identify the diagnostic criteria for acute and chronic pain, anxiety disorder, insomnia, depression and substance abuse.
- Employ interviewing techniques relating to the diagnosis and management of substance abuse in general and prescription drug abusers in particular.
- Discuss case management strategies for the above diagnoses and in special situations, such as the elderly, hospice patients and renal sufficiency.
- Discuss beliefs, attitudes and stereotypes about controlled substance prescribing, controlled drug abusers and chemical dependency and consider the therapeutic implications of treatments based upon these beliefs.

NEW Topics!
- Pitfalls of Buprenorphine Prescribing
- Problems in Pain Management
- Marijuana and Drug Abuse

Hours of Instruction
Prescribing of Controlled Drugs* – 8 hours
Saturday │ March 25 and November 18
Friday and Saturday │ July 7-8

Controversies of Pharmacology Prescribing* – 4 hours
Sunday │ March 26, July 9 and November 19

*The 12-hour Prescribing and Pharmacology course is required for PAs, CRNPs and CNMs to obtain a QACSC. Once earned, the four-hour Pharmacology course, Controversies of Pharmacology Prescribing, is required every two years to renew a QACSC.

Additional Courses/Hours of Instruction
November Only
Ensuring Quality in the Collaborative Practice – 4 hours
Friday morning │ November 17
For course description, faculty and agenda, go to www.alamedical/CP.

Medical Ethics – 4 hours
Friday afternoon │ November 17

Agenda is subject to change.
**2017 REGISTRATION**

**Intensive Course in Prescribing of Controlled Drugs and Controversies of Pharmacology Prescribing**

The registration fee for the 12-hour Prescribing and Pharmacology course is $350. If registering for only one day, the 8-hour Prescribing course is $250 and the 4-hour Pharmacology course is $100. A 50% refund will be given for cancellation made by March 10 (for March course), June 30 (for July course) and November 3 (for November course). Cancellation of a course must be submitted in writing to the Education Department. Registrations cannot be transferred to future Prescribing and Pharmacology courses.

All registration fees must be paid at the time of registration. On-site registration is not permitted.

**EACH ATTENDEE MUST COMPLETE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM.**

| Name: ____________________________________________________________________________ | MD | DO | PA | CRNP | CNM | Other ____________ |
| Practice/Company: ____________________________________________________________________________ | Nursing License Number: ________________ |
| Address: ____________________________________________________________________________ | City, State, Zip: ________________ |
| Phone: __________________ Fax: ___________________ E-mail: __________________ |

Dietary and other Special Considerations: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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**Payment**

Note: Your signature constitutes an agreement to pay the amount indicated.

- Check (Make payable to Medical Foundation of Alabama) Amount: $__________
- American Express
- Discover
- MasterCard
- VISA  Amount: $__________

Cardholder Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

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City, State, Zip: ________________

Exp. Date: ________________ Security Code: ________________ Signature: ________________

Return completed registration form and payment to:

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