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The Pharmacist's Role in Pain Management: A Legal Perspective

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Course Overview:

The presenter discusses details of key directives taken from recent regulatory actions by the DEA and FDA for the purposes of integrating them into daily pharmacy practice. She describes important ways in which pharmacists can better communicate with physicians and patients about the regulatory obligations regarding pain management and appropriate dispensing of narcotics and other controlled substances.

Learning Objectives:

After completing this course the learner will be able to:

- Prepare a checklist of key directives, taken from recent regulatory actions by DEA and FDA, for the purpose of integrating them into daily pharmacy practice.
- Better communicate with patients and physicians about the pharmacist's regulatory obligations to improve pain management.
- Improve pharmacy documentation in their practice setting, as it relates to regulatory responsibilities for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with federal and state requirements.

Target Audience:

Pharmacists

Faculty:

Jennifer E. Bolen, JD

*Owner, The Legal Side of Pain
Knoxville, TN*

Ms. Bolen owns and operates a medico-legal consulting firm that specializes in the development and implementation of risk management programs and practice standards for the use of controlled substances to treat pain and the office-based treatment of opioid addiction. She specializes in the development and presentation of educational materials related to state and federal controlled substance and pain act guidelines, laws, policies, and regulations, and HIPAA matters. She serves clients by conducting risk management audits and, if necessary, litigation consulting, including document review, and hearing and trial work. She is responsible for the development of the PROOF™ System, which will be going into production for use in all states in Summer 2007. In January 2006, the American Academy of Pain Medicine appointed Ms. Bolen to serve as Special Counsel to Academy Members. In 2007, the Academy asked her to serve a second term as Special Counsel. She is the

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Legal Editor for *Pain Medicine News*, she serves on the editorial board for and publishes in *Pain Medicine*, and she also publishes in *The Journal of Opioid Management* and *Practical Pain Management*.

Ms. Bolen has presented lectures in 45 states. She has performed various levels of compliance audits in more than 200 medical practices nationwide. She has also worked with several Managed Care Organizations to develop and implement compliance policies related to the use of controlled substances to treat pain. Ms. Bolen sits on curriculum development committees and advisory boards. She is currently working on a national effort to bring a more uniform educational effort on legal/regulatory materials to the pain management community. Ms. Bolen authors regular legal columns that reach more than 50,000 providers nationwide on a bi-monthly basis. Thousands of providers nationwide use the Legal Side of Pain® website regularly to stay current on legal/regulatory issues in pain management.

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Jennifer Bolen wishes to disclose that she has been a consultant for Abbott Laboratories, Cephalon, King Pharmaceuticals, Pri Cara, and Millenium Labs. She has served as a speaker for Abbott Laboratories, Cephalon, Pri Cara, and King Pharmaceuticals.

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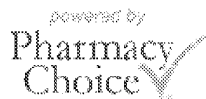
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