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Pain management, reducing pain, avoiding adverse events, and reducing diversion

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Abstract

Pain management has been implemented as the 5th vital sign. There are various pharmacotherapy approaches as well as non-pharmacological methods to alleviate pain. The objectives of this one hour presentation will be to review various pain management modalities and provide solutions to common problems. Since U.S. Congress declared 2000 – 2010 the decade of pain management, the number of accidental deaths from opioids has sky rocketed. It's the biggest man-made epidemic in the United States. In general there are many problems so intransigent in clinical pharmacy that we may never come to complete resolve. But with accidental deaths due to prescription drugs, however, clinical pharmacists have an opportunity to improve the problem.

Biography

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