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Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Substance Abuse

In an insightful discussion, we engaged with Dr. Nicole Gastala, MD and Dr. Brianna McQuade, PharmD, BCACP, MHPE, about the pivotal role pharmacists play in combatting substance use disorder. Dr. Gastala is the Medical Director of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Division at the Illinois Department of Human Services, and Dr. McQuade is a Clinical Pharmacist at UIC Family Medicine.

"Pharmacists have the power to make a significant impact in the fight against substance abuse," emphasizes Dr. Gastala. "Their role is crucial in ensuring that naloxone remains accessible to all high-risk patients." Dr. McQuade adds, "Understanding buprenorphine's pharmacology is crucial for its safe and effective use. Pharmacists can make a real difference by conducting thorough patient interviews, reviewing data, and navigating insurance challenges."

Pharmacists can learn more about buprenorphine in all phases of OUD treatment with our newest interactive topic. A simple 20-minute session can provide you with all the tools you need. Effective Friday, Feb 16, all licensed pharmacists can receive CPE credit for OUD and MOUD topics. Schedule a visit now and continue to be a healthcare hero to your patients.

Naloxone Detailing: Join our campaign

Our teams are actively collaborating with UIH* ambulatory care pharmacists to provide in-depth insights on naloxone and opioid safety. Through our ongoing partnership, we are dedicated to advancing the initiative to enhance naloxone awareness, acceptance, and accessibility in the realm of public health. If you share similar goals, we invite you to connect with us and join our efforts.

*UIH=University of Illinois Health system

Hypertension Initiatives: A Unified Approach to Public Health

Hypertension (HTN) is a prominent public health concern. To address this challenge, we partnered with IPHCA* to create educational materials on HTN treatment. We lend support to their goal of enhancing team-based care among prescribers, nurses, pharmacists, and community health workers. Organizations involved in public health initiatives are invited to connect with us for potential collaboration.

*IPHCA= Illinois Primary Health Care Association

Think SMART for Asthma

How familiar are you with SMART therapy for asthma management? Illinois ADVANCE has developed a brochure emphasizing the updated clinical practice approach and its evidence-based benefits in reducing exacerbations, ER visits, and hospitalizations. Schedule a visit **here** to learn about the latest advancements in asthma management guidelines.

For more information about our program, click here.