

The Colorado Opioid Solution

Co-sponsored by Colorado Hospital Association, Colorado Medical Society
and the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Clinicians United to Resolve the Epidemic (CO's CURE)

Vision Statement

The specialty societies of Colorado develop the nation's first comprehensive, multispecialty medical guidelines to address and resolve the opioid epidemic in Colorado.

CO's CURE Timeline

This is an overview of the expected timeline and responsibilities for specialty societies participating in CO's CURE. It also includes the resources and support that participating organizations can expect from the organizations leading the CO's CURE initiative.

January – March 2019

- Review CO's CURE documents with local chapter leadership
- Receive approval from national chapter (if applicable)
- Formally sign on to the CO's CURE initiative
 - Complete and submit participation agreement by March 15, 2019

April – June 2019

- Gather task force for the project
 - Identify champion
- Review specialty literature, including current opioid guidelines and protocols to identify gaps specific to the Colorado Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians pillars
- Participate in conference calls as needed
- Complete first draft of guidelines
 - June 1, 2019
 - Submit for project leadership feedback

July – September 2019

- Finalize revised draft of guidelines
 - Gain approval from local and national chapters
- Attend midyear in-person meeting in August to collaborate and discuss progress with other specialty societies participating in CO's CURE
- Identify three to four pilot sites
 - Work with CHA to draft educational materials and toolkits for pilot sites
 - Assess data management capabilities, including checking data transfer requirements

October – December 2019

- Final draft of specialty guidelines due from specialty organization
 - Dec. 31, 2019

January 2020

- Attend January 2020 Colorado Opioid Safety Summit
 - Officially launch CO's CURE guidelines
- Begin piloting guidelines
 - Subject matter expert assistance for training
 - Data requirements
 - Develop quality improvement structure



CO's CURE Leadership

This initiative is proudly co-sponsored by Colorado Hospital Association, Colorado Medical Society and Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention. These organizations will lead this initiative and provide the necessary support to all participating specialty societies.

CO's CURE leadership will provide the following resources and support:

- Background and supporting documentation on the CO's CURE initiative for local chapter review
- Project implementation guide
- Project management support
- Communication toolkit, to include
 - Key messages
 - Media talking points
 - Sample press release
 - Internal staff emails
 - Sample web copy
 - Sample newsletter content
- Assistance in the development of quality improvement structure
 - Quality improvement tools and resources
- Task force team recruitment support
 - Subject matter experts: registered nurses, pharmacists, therapists, cross disciplinary medical societies and others as needed
- Common virtual space for document storage
- Support for the development of guidelines
- Review and feedback on draft guidelines
- Structure for guidelines incorporating the four pillars:
 - Limiting opioid usage
 - Using Alternatives to Opioids (ALTOs) for the treatment of pain
 - Implementing harm reduction strategies
 - Improving treatment and referral of patients with Opioid Use Disorder
- Support for the development of specialty-specific teaching materials and toolkits
- In-person meetings, webinars, conference calls as needed
- Assistance with identifying and finalizing pilot sites
 - Pre-launch requirements
 - Define data requirements
 - Facilitate executive support of pilot
 - Coordinate pilot implementation with appropriate staff (non-clinical, clinical) and community partners
- Assistance with the pilot launch
 - Training (physicians, clinical team)
 - Logistics (electronic medical record updates)
 - Data management
 - Coordination with local and national media



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