



**E-NEWS UPDATE
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Ohio's New Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Acute Pain Expand Fight Against Prescription Drug Abuse

The Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team recently released new acute pain opioid prescribing guidelines to keep patients safe. These new guidelines urge prescribers to first consider non-opioid therapies and pain medications for the management of acute pain when appropriate to avoid the potential misuse and abuse of opioids. When opioid medications are necessary to manage a patient's acute pain, the guidelines recommend that the clinician prescribe the minimum quantity necessary without automatic refills.

The guidelines have been endorsed by a number of organizations including the Board of Pharmacy. To learn more about them and what Ohio is doing to fight prescription drug abuse, visit www.opioidprescribing.ohio.gov.

New OARRS Rules for Pharmacists Effective February 1, 2016

On February 1, 2016, updates to rule [4729-5-20 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#) became effective. This updated rule includes new requirements on when a pharmacist is required to review patient information in the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). To assist pharmacists in the implementation of this updated rule, the Board has put together a one-page fact sheet and pocket card that provides the circumstances in which a pharmacist will have to query OARRS.

These resources may be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRSRules

One-Hour Jurisprudence CE Available for OARRS Rules

To assist pharmacists in complying with the new OARRS rules, the Board developed a one-hour (0.1 CEU) pharmacy jurisprudence continuing education course. To take the course, visit: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRSEducation>

Changes to Continuing Education Rules

Effective January 15, 2016, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy implemented rule changes related to continuing education requirements for patient/medication safety and pharmacy jurisprudence.

For additional information, including a copy of the updated rules, please visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/cechange.

Updates to Medical Board Rules on Prescribing Controlled Substances for Weight Loss & Binge Eating Disorder

On December 31, 2015, the following rules were recently adopted/updated regarding the use of controlled substances for weight loss and the treatment of binge eating disorder:

[Rule 4731-11-03](#): Permits the prescribing of controlled substance stimulants for the treatment of binge eating disorder.

[Rule 4731-11-04](#): Use of controlled substances to assist in weight reduction.

[Rule 4731-11-04.1](#): Use of controlled substances for chronic weight management.

New and Updated Drug Compounding Rules 2016

The Board recently added new rules and updated existing regulations regarding drug compounding. For a complete overview of the recent changes to the drug compounding chapter of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC 4729-16) please visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/compounding2016
