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## Opioid Analgesics: Myths and Facts

### Activity Description:

There are many myths that are common when discussing use of opioid analgesics for pain management. This activity will describe those myths and debunk them in your mind forever - leaving instead knowledge to appropriately dose opioids and utilize them to appropriately and effectively manage pain.

### Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this activity, pharmacists should be better able to

1. Define and differentiate opioid addiction, tolerance and dependence
2. Dose opioids in a clinically appropriate manner
3. Identify signs of opioid misuse, diversion, and abuse
4. Describe why methadone has a greater association with fatalities than other opioids.

### Target Audience:

Pharmacists

### Faculty:

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### Faculty Disclosure:

Arthur G. Lipman reports he is a consultant for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals and is a speaker's bureau member for Merck and Pfizer. The speaker has indicated that off-label use of medications will not be discussed during his presentation.

### CPE Credit:

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