Board Offers Free Webinar Training to Furnish Naloxone

A free training webinar for pharmacists who wish to furnish naloxone on their own authority is now available on the <u>Board of Pharmacy website</u>.

California law authorizes pharmacists to furnish naloxone according to a protocol adopted by the board in <u>California Code of Regulations</u>, <u>title 16</u>, <u>section 1746.3</u>. The protocol requires that pharmacists, before furnishing naloxone, must complete at least one hour of an approved continuing education program specific to the use of naloxone in all routes of administration recognized in the protocol, or an equivalent curriculum-based training program completed in a board-recognized school of pharmacy.

The Board of Pharmacy has created a training webinar, "Opioid Safety: Focus on Furnishing Naloxone," for pharmacists to meet the protocol requirement. The material was developed by Talia Puzantian, PharmD, BCPP, of the Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy; and James J. Gasper, PharmD, BCPP, of the California Department of Health Care Services.

The webinar video was produced by the Department of Consumer Affairs' SOLID training unit. The video is posted on the board's website and can be viewed at any time. No registration is required.

The webinar can be found on the board's website under "Important Information for Licensees." Click on "Naloxone" to follow the link to "Naloxone Training Webinar."

The board has created and made this webinar available to encourage pharmacists to furnish naloxone. The goal is to help reduce opioid overdoses in California by increasing the availability of naloxone and public access to the medication in pharmacies.

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