

# PCSS-O Training

Prescribers' Clinical Support System for Opioid Therapies



The American Psychiatric Association is pleased to announce the launch of a new webinar series focusing on assessment and treatment of chronic pain, appropriate prescribing of opioid medications, and recognition of substance abuse and dependence. The initiative is one of many resources developed for practicing clinicians by the Prescribers' Clinical Support System for Opioid Therapies (PCSS-O).

Psychiatrists, physicians of other specialties, and interested prescribers are invited to participate.

Date: **Friday, January 20, 2012**  
Time: **2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Eastern**  
Topic: ***Assessment of Patients with Chronic Pain and Co-Occurring Substance Use***  
Presenter: **Jon Streltzer, M.D., MSW, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Hawai'i**  
Register At: **[www2.gotomeeting.com/register/707608498](http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/707608498)**

Chronic pain is common in the general population, but only a minority become the difficult patients that are so problematic for clinicians. These tend to be patients with comorbid substance use issues. Recommended medical approaches to these patients have changed over the years and vary by country and even by community. In the United States and Canada there has been significant controversy with regard to the assessment and treatment of these patients.

This webinar will review current evidence about the key issues of epidemiology and medical and psychological pathology of these chronic pain patients, as well as the expanding evidence about the biological effects of chronic opioid intake. Further, it will suggest areas of assessment that will be helpful when designing treatment strategies.

The session will be recorded and later posted on the APA and PCSS-O websites for on-demand viewing. For additional information on the PCSS-O and its array of resources for the practicing clinician, visit [www.pcass-o.org](http://www.pcass-o.org)

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