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We appreciate the interest in [Stemming the Tide of the Overdose Epidemic: A Free CME Event!](#) We wanted to answer some questions that have come up about the CME event and provide some context for the new DEA requirement. Below are some answers to the most frequently asked questions as well as resources for additional training and support that is available.

What is the new DEA requirement for addiction medicine training?

At the end of 2022, Congress passed the MATE Act mandating that all DEA licensees complete 8 hours of addiction medicine training. The only exceptions to this new requirement are board certification in addiction medicine/psychiatry, having completed the X-waiver training or having completed 8 hours of addiction medicine training in the last 5 years during MD/DO/APC professional school.

What requirements are there for the addiction medicine training?

The training needs to cover treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders and screening, brief intervention, and referral for appropriate treatment of patients with or at risk of developing opioid or other substance use disorders.

By when do I need to complete this addiction medicine training?

You need to complete the 8 hours of training by the time of your initial registration with the DEA or when your 3-year renewal is due. This applies to all initial registrations or renewals starting June 21st, 2023.

My DEA license doesn't need to be renewed until 2025. Do I need to complete the training now?

No, you have until your license is expiring to complete the 8 hours of addiction medicine training.

Do I need to complete this training every year?

No, this is a one-time training requirement.

I cannot attend the in-person CME event on Saturday, May 20th. Will you be offering another CME event like this?

We will probably offer another addiction medicine CME event in fall 2023, date TBD.

Will you be recording the CME event? Can I get CME credit for watching the recording?

This event will not be recorded.

Will this CME count towards the 2-hour Wisconsin requirement for opioid education?

We are applying to the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board to allow this activity to count towards the 2 hours of opioid-related CME required for renewal of medical licenses.

Is it true that you don't need a special license anymore to prescribe buprenorphine/Suboxone?

Yes, Congress abolished the X-waiver at the end of 2022. Anyone with a DEA license to prescribe Schedule III controlled substances can prescribe buprenorphine products for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

Can I prescribe methadone for opioid use disorder out of my clinic?

No, the regulations around methadone prescribing for opioid use disorder have not changed. Methadone can only be prescribed for opioid use disorder out of an opioid treatment program/methadone clinic.

I completed my 8 hours of training and I'm interested in treating substance use disorders out of my clinic.

Where do I start?

Send Dr. Lyon an email (ezra.lyon@thedacare.org). He has a part-time position supporting treatment of substance use disorder across the ThedaCare system.

Are there any good online options for completing the training requirement?

There are excellent online trainings in addiction medicine. A few good options are:

ASAM Fundamentals of Addiction Medicine (<https://elearning.asam.org/products/asam-fundamentals-of-addiction-medicine-online>). This course is an excellent introduction to screening for substance use disorders and pharmacotherapy and behavioral approaches to treatment of substance use disorders. **The course fee is \$199.**

ASAM Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Course (<https://elearning.asam.org/products/the-asam-treatment-of-opioid-use-disorder-course>). This is the former X-waiver course and provides an introduction to treatment of opioid use disorder with buprenorphine, methadone and naltrexone. We are offering a 4-hour version of this course as part of the in-person training on May 20th. **The course fee is \$199.**

PCSS Substance Use Disorder 101 Core Curriculum (<https://pcssnow.org/education-training/sud-core-curriculum/>). This is a collection of 23 free modules on treatment of substance use disorders.

If using PCSS to complete the training requirement, we recommend completing the following 5 core modules:

- 1: Overview of Substance Use Disorders
- 2: Changing Language to Change Care: Stigma and Substance Use Disorders
- 3: Screening, Assessment and Treatment Initiation for SUD
- 4: Pharmacotherapy for Alcohol Use Disorder
- 5: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

In addition, we recommend completing an 3 modules in topics of interest. Some modules of interest for particular fields may be:

Obstetrics/FMOB/Midwifery

20. Treating Pregnant People for Opioid Use Disorder: Clinical Challenges

Pediatrics/Family Medicine

- 17. Nicotine and Stimulant Use in Adolescents
- 18. Adolescent Substance Use

Primary Care

- 6. Integrating Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Clinical Care
- 7. Treatment of Tobacco Use Disorder in Primary Care
- 9. Principles of Motivational Interviewing: Useful for Primary Care Providers
- 11. Opioids for Pain: Understanding and Mitigating Risks
- 15. Managing Common Psychiatric Conditions in Patients with Substance Use Disorders
- 19. Substance Use Disorders in Older Adults
- 21. Introduction to the Criminal Justice System and MOUD