March 7, 2014

This just in, prepared and presented by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Please note the link to register BY MARCH 10!!

Hello everyone –

The date is set for **Saturday, March 15** to convene prescribers from various disciplines to come together to draft guidelines for prescribing opioids. The guidelines will be voluntary, built on the best evidence/practices available, and focused on acute and chronic non-cancer, non-terminal pain. The guidelines are intended for prescribing practices, not for treatment of chronic pain. The March 15 event will be a working meeting with the goal of producing a consensus draft of prescribing guidelines by the end of the day.

In order to meet the challenge of coming to consensus on guidelines during the summit, participation is limited to 100 people. Staff support will be provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services and state partners involved in the Arizona Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Initiative.

The summit will be held at the Courtyard Scottsdale Salt River, 5201 N Pima Road, Scottsdale, Arizona. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The plan is to wrap-up no later than 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and there will be no cost to attend.

Five CME/CEUs are available for attendance at the summit, and a draft agenda is attached.
Meeting **participants must register by March 10** at the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AZ_Prescribing_Guidelines_Summit_3_15_14

Please don’t hesitate to call or email (602-542-2818, sheila.sjolander@azdhs.gov) or Tomi St. Mars (602-542-7340, tomi.stmars@azdhs.gov) if you have any questions or comments.

**Attachments:**
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