Altarum, in joint-providership with Michigan Medicine, is offering training and support tools to improve responsible opioid prescribing, patient education, and prescription tracking. The training will help ambulatory clinicians, including clinical support staff, to feel confident in their knowledge and ability to appropriately monitor and address the care balance that is needed to prevent opioid dependency or misuse among patients. These services include performing evaluations for risk of opioid misuse, and completing follow-up evaluations for patients that have been prescribed opioids. Additionally, the effective use of state Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) will be a pivotal part of the assistance provided to improve appropriate monitoring of new prescriptions and prescription history. Eligible clinicians will be able to earn performance improvement Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV credits for successfully completing two linked Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles of data guided quality improvement. Participation meets the pain management specific CME requirements now mandated in Michigan for re-licensure. Altarum’s technical assistance team will work closely to monitor practices’ performance, assist practices in overcoming barriers and implementing solutions, and set in-place a rapid cycle process improvement design to incorporate curriculum enhancements, and broaden technical assistance resources based on feedback from practices throughout the training period.

The program will provide:

- Onsite or live online training
- Comprehensive technical assistance
- Community resource guide
- Up-to-date information on evolving State and Federal opioid regulations

Participants may be eligible for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV credits and Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits (see reverse side for details).

DID YOU KNOW?

The rate of opioid related inpatient stays and emergency department visits rose an average of 200% across the country, between 2005 and 2014.

AMA and CDC Recommendations
Clinicians should carefully determine when to initiate or continue opioids for chronic pain, evaluate opioid selection, dosage, duration, follow-up, and discontinuation, and most importantly, assess the risks and harms of opioid use. Registering and using state PDMP systems, incorporating the evaluation for risk of opioid misuse, and completing follow-up evaluations for patients are important key steps in order to integrate safe opioid prescribing habits into practice.

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Advancing Responsible Opioid Prescribing CME & MOC Credit Opportunity

Altarum and Michigan Medicine are offering a unique opportunity for clinicians to earn 20-25 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV and 30-50 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits. These credits will be offered to the following participants:

ABMS Certified Physicians:
Part IV MOC Activity Completion, e.g., Boards of:
- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Surgery
- Urology
- Neurology
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Emergency Medicine

Allopathic (MD) Physician
CME: 30 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
(Performance Improvement)

Osteopathic (DO) Physician
CME: 30 AOA Category 2-B Credits

Nurse Practitioner
CME: 30 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
(Performance Improvement)

Physician Assistant
MOC: 50 AAPA Performance Improvement
CME Credits (30 for project + 20 NCCPA Bonus)

Participation Duration: 6-month cycle

Target Audience: This course is designed for primary care physicians, internal medicine physicians, family practice physicians, OB/GYNs, surgical specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and allied health professionals providing care for adult patients who have been prescribed opioids.

Training and cycles of performance assessment and improvement will help participants:
- Understand the scope of the opioid crisis and the potential for misuse
- Apply conscientious prescribing habits
- Align clinical care processes to support quality and performance improvements
- Incorporate evaluation of risk for opioid misuse and follow-up evaluations for patients on opioid medication treatment
- Optimize Electronic Health Record (EHR) workflow to fulfill PQRS #414 and #408
- Initiate and improve use of state PDMP system reporting to monitor patient prescription history

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint-providership of Michigan Medicine and Altarum Institute. Michigan Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Michigan Medicine designates this PI CME activity for a maximum of 30 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.