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The 2016 National Rx Drug Abuse Summit will be held March 28-31, 2016, at The Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta, GA

What
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1. **HHS unveils new rules for doctors treating opiate drug abuse**

   *By Rachel Reuben, National Journal*

   With the U.S. in the thick of what's been called a prescription painkiller epidemic, the Health and Human Services Department announced plans (September 18) to change a rule restricting doctors from prescribing medication to treat opioid abuse.

   Coupling medicine with counseling and behavioral therapy is a comprehensive path to recovery, according to the HHS, but of the 2.5 million people who need treatment for an opioid use disorder, less than 1 million people are receiving it. The Thursday announcement - aimed at increasing access to treatment - focuses on a regulation limiting the number of prescriptions doctors can write for buprenorphine, a medicine used to combat painkiller and heroin dependence.

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2. **New report examines opioid abuse in the construction industry**

   *By CNA Financial Corporation*

   A new report that examines the growing prescription opioid abuse epidemic and its effect on the U.S. construction workforce estimates that 15.1 percent of
construction workers have engaged in illicit drug use. The report from CNA, *Construction: Prescription Opioid Abuse*, also provides risk management strategies to address this issue.

"By partnering with leading construction and manufacturing associations, we have seen increased concern about prescription opioid abuse, as well as how it increases worker injuries and businesses' losses," said John Tatum, senior vice president, Middle Market. "Many of these associations are developing programs to educate their members about the issue in order to provide the tools, training and resources they need to address opioid abuse in their own workplaces."

"The opioid abuse epidemic is taking a toll on many aspects of the U.S. economy, including businesses' workers' compensation losses," said Bill Boyd, senior vice president, CNA Risk Control. "The delay of returning injured employees to work can affect operations and, therefore, negatively impact a company's bottom line. Opioid abuse is a real and emerging risk for businesses to consider, and through these Risk Outlooks, I hope our customers will learn solutions to avoid return-to-work pitfalls."

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### 3. Chief calls out CEOs of Big Pharma

*By Ray Lamont, Gloucester Times*

When state Attorney General Maura Healey reached a deal with a California pharmaceutical company to cut the cost of a life-saving anti-overdose drug more than two weeks ago, Gloucester police Chief Leonard Campanello said he hoped that would spur drug industry to take a greater role
in the opioid crisis.

Now, the chief has given top pharmaceutical manufacturers a nudge of his own.

In a Wednesday (September 16) Facebook post, Campanello called out the CEOs earning the five highest salaries across the pharmaceutical industry, included their direct phone numbers and email addresses, and urged the public to contact them and ask what they are doing to address the "opioid epidemic."

To view series, click here.

4. Massachusetts hospital battling post-op pain without using opioids

By Emily Reimer, WCVB (Boston)

Taking narcotics after surgery is often the easiest, most effective way to tackle pain, but for many people it's also a gateway to opioid abuse.

In one recent study, 75 percent of heroin users in New England said their addictions started with prescription drugs. Now a surgeon at a local hospital is on the leading edge of a solution that's helping eliminate the need for opioid prescriptions after surgery.

To read more, click here.

NOTE: Dr. Scott A. Sigman, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon providing comprehensive care to patients at Orthopedic Surgical Associates of Lowell since 1996, will discuss his experience successfully implementing opioid alternatives in the orthopedic surgical setting ranging from broken bones to joint replacements during a free webinar to
be held from 2-3 pm on Thursday, October 1.

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