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NATIONAL Rx DRUG ABUSE & HEROIN SUMMIT

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Summit Spotlight

Summit changes name to reflect growing heroin epidemic across United States

Because of the connection between Rx opioids and the rise in heroin use, the nation's largest collaborative summit for advocates and professionals focused on the Rx drug epidemic announced a name change to reflect the impact of heroin.

Although the Summit will now be called the **National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit**, the website address - nationalrxdrugabusesummit.org - will remain the same.

For details, [click here](#).

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When

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

What

The National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit is the largest national collaboration for individuals impacted by Rx Drug Abuse.

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Postgraduate Institute for Medicine (PIM) and Operation UNITE jointly present the 2016 National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit.

SAM Summit

The 3rd annual SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana) Education Summit will be held March 31, 2016, in

It's no trick. Treat yourself to a **\$300 discount** off your registration for the 2016 **National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit** by completing your registration by 11:59 pm Halloween Night, October 31. Remember there is an **additional \$100 per person** discount if you register 5 or more individuals at the same time.
For registration details, [click here](#).

Stay up-to-date about details of the 2016 National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit at the [conference website](#).

Top Stories In The News

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1. Teens prescribed opioids more likely to abuse drugs as adults, U-M study shows

Jeremy Allen, The Ann Arbor News

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved the use of OxyContin for kids between the ages of 11 and 16, but a new University of Michigan study shows that legal prescription opioid use by high school students leads to a greater likelihood of drug abuse when the teens become adults.

According to the U-M study, high schoolers who use prescription opioids like OxyContin, Vicodin and other pain relievers are 33 percent more likely to abuse the drug by the age of 23.

To read more, [click here](#).

2. White House announces new steps to address heroin, Rx abuse

in conjunction with the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit.
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Steve Mufson & Katie Zezima, The Washington Post

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Faced with a nationwide epidemic of heroin and prescription drug abuse, the Obama administration announced Wednesday (October 21) that it will take steps to increase access to drug treatment and expand the training of doctors who prescribe opiate painkillers.

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The efforts, which President Obama unveiled at a forum here, are likely to have a modest effect on the steep increase in heroin and prescription drug overdoses, which now kill more people than car accidents each year, and the barriers to treatment that many addicts face.

The administration hopes to double the number of doctors who can prescribe buprenorphine, a drug used to treat opiate addiction, to 60,000 from 30,000 over the next three years. More than 40 medical provider groups have committed to training more than half a million doctors, dentists and others on the safe prescription of opiate medications.

The announcement underscores Obama's "sense of urgency that we at the federal level can do more to address this issue," said Michael Botticelli, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

To read more, [click here](#).

3. Seven ways pharmacists will participate in White House campaign against drug abuse

Meghan Ross, Pharmacy Times

President Barack Obama recently announced new efforts to

reduce prescription drug abuse that will affect pharmacists nationwide.

The President announced some of the federal, state, local, and private sector efforts on October 21, 2015, in West Virginia before an audience of health care professionals and individuals affected by the drug epidemic.

Two key steps outlined were increasing training for opioid prescribers and expanding access to treatment for prescription drug abuse and heroin use.

Goals include doubling the number of providers who prescribe naloxone and doubling the number of providers registered with their state prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) in the next 2 years.

Here are 7 ways pharmacists are anticipated to participate in the White House's new campaign against prescription drug abuse.

To read more, [click here](#).

4. Battle against opioid addiction going beyond law enforcement

Patrick Luce, Watertown Patch

Opioid addiction and overdoses have been a growing problem throughout the commonwealth, including in Watertown, where 10 people have died of opioid overdose so far this year.

The Watertown Police Department is trying to find a solution to the problem, joining other area towns in partnering with the [Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative](#) to implement new addiction recovery initiatives.

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