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Subject: CDC Announces "Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain"

Dear Colleague:

As part of the US Government's response to the epidemic of overdose deaths, today CDC has issued new recommendations for prescribing opioid medications for chronic pain, excluding cancer, palliative, and end-of-life care.

The 'CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, United States, 2016' is part of the U.S. government's urgent response to the epidemic of overdose deaths.

The Guideline will help primary care providers ensure the safest and most effective treatment for their patients.

You may find more information about the guideline, including links to relevant materials, in the CDC press release at <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/p0315-prescribing-opioids-guidelines.html>.

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