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Opioid Controversies:
The Crisis—Causes and Solutions

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8:00 REGISTRATION
8:30 Welcome
Lisa Saladin, PhD, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Medical University of South Carolina
8:35 Introductory Comments
Robert M. Sade, MD, Director, Institute of Human Values in Health Care

SESSION I: OPIOIDS AND CHRONIC PAIN
Moderator: David Schenck, PhD
8:45 Paul J. Christo, MD, MBA, is Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
Opioids May Be Appropriate for Treating Chronic Pain
9:15 Robert Malcolm, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Division of Addiction Sciences; Director, Bio-Behavioral Medicine, Institute of Psychiatry, MUSC
Opioids Should Not Be Used for Treating Chronic Pain
9:45 Panel: Christo and Malcolm
10:15 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION II: SHOULD OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS BE LIMITED BY POLICY?
Moderator: Kathleen Brady, MD, PhD
10:30 Richard S. Larson, MD, PhD, Executive Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Limiting Opioid Prescriptions
11:00 Stefan Kertesz, MD, MSc, Professor, Division of Preventive Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL
Nonconsensual Dose Reduction Is Neither Justified Nor Reasonable
11:30 Panel: Larson and Kertesz
12:00 Lunch with visiting faculty

SESSION III: IS MARIJUANA A GATEWAY DRUG FOR OPIOIDS?
Moderator: Jason F. Arnold, JD, MPH
1:00 Arthur Robin Williams MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University, Research Scientist, New York State Psychiatric Institute
Marijuana Is a Gateway Drug for Opioids
1:30 Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, Reason magazine, widely published syndicated newspaper columnist
Cannabis Consumption Does Not Cause Opioid Use
2:00 Panel: Williams and Sullum
2:30 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION IV: IS LITIGATION THE WAY TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS?
Moderator: Ann Rice Ervin, JD, MA
2:45 Rebecca L. Haffajee, JD, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Litigation Against Drug Companies Will Combat the OPIOID Crisis
3:15 Richard C. Ausness, JD, LLM, Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Stites & Harbison Professor of Law, College of Law, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Litigation Against Drug Companies Is Ineffective
3:45 Panel: Haffajee and Ausness
4:15 Panel: All Speakers and Audience
5:00 Adjourn

Registration Form

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Any questions about this conference or the Institute of Human Values in Health Care: Ann Edlund (edlund@musc.edu); (843) 792-8390 or Robert M. Sade, MD (sader@musc.edu).

Faculty Biographies 2019

Richard C. Ausness, JD, LLM, is a University Research Professor and the Stites & Harbison Professor of Law in the College of Law, University of Kentucky, Lexington. He has published more than 60 articles on various legal subjects. His current teaching interests include property, trusts & estates and products liability.

Paul J. Christo, MD, MBA, is an Associate Professor in the Division of Pain Medicine at Johns Hopkins Medicine. He lectures internationally, serves on editorial boards, teaches, co-edited three textbooks on pain, and has published over 100 articles. He’s the author of Aches and Gains and hosts Aches and Gains, an award-winning, national radio talk show on overcoming pain that airs weekly on SIRIUS XM Radio.

Rebecca L. Haffajee, JD, PhD, MPH, is Assistant Professor of Health Management and Policy at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor. Dr. Haffajee’s research combines legal analyses with empirical investigations of the relationships between law and health. She focuses on behavioral health and pharmaceutical policy, evaluating policies such as substance abuse parity and laws intended to curb opioid addiction.

Stefan Kertesz, MD, MSc, is Professor in the Division of Preventive Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. His research interests include access to quality addiction and medical care for homeless and other underserved populations, development of health professionals to address unmet health needs among disadvantaged populations, natural history and consequences of substance misuse in adults, and drug policy and opioids.

Richard S. Larson, MD, PhD, is the Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Research, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Albuquerque. Dr. Larson oversees a broad array of programs in research, education and clinical care. He was a participant of the 2016 White House-sponsored Medicine Responds to Addiction symposium and has authored a number of opinion pieces on federal limits to opioid prescribing.

Robert Malcolm, MD, is Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in the Division of Addiction Sciences, and is Director of Bio- Behavioral Medicine in the Institute of Psychiatry, as well as Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education, MUSC. His research has focused on medication development for addiction treatment and the pharmacologic management of illicit drug withdrawal syndromes. He has authored over 200 publications.

Jacob Sullum, is a senior editor at Reason magazine and a syndicated newspaper columnist. His weekly column is carried by newspapers across the U.S., including the New York Post and the Chicago Sun-Times. His work on drug policy has appeared in National Review, Forbes, The New York Times, and many other publications.

Arthur Robin Williams, MD, MA (Bioethics), is Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Columbia University, and is Research Scientist in the New York State Psychiatric Institute. He is NIH-funded to develop a quality-of-care framework to respond to the opioid epidemic, and to investigate changes in controlled substance use among medical marijuana participants and related risk of overdose.
Thomas Antley Pitts, II, MD
(1893-1991) served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical University of South Carolina for thirty-six years and served as its chairman for twenty-five of those years. He left a substantial bequest to the Medical University to endow “a series of lectures on medical ethics”. The series has become known as the Thomas A. Pitts Memorial Lectureship in Medical Ethics, and has been held annually since 1993.

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At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:
- Describe the use of opioids in the treatment of chronic pain
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of limiting opioid prescriptions to three days
- Explain the role of litigation as a means to combat the opioid crisis
- Discuss whether marijuana is a gateway drug for opioid use

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