25th Annual Thomas Pitts Lectureship in Medical Ethics  
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Opioid Controversies: The Crisis—Causes and Solutions

Thurmond-Gazes Auditorium 125, Medical University of South Carolina

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

8:00  REGISTRATION

8:30  Welcome
Darlene Shaw, PhD, Associate Provost and Professor of Psychiatry, 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, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Director, Multidisciplinary Pain Fellowship Program, 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
Opioid Prescriptions Should Be Limited to Three Days

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

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
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