OPIOIDS in AMERICA

The Science, Law and Policy of a National Epidemic

A Forensic Fridays Seminar
Co-sponsored by Duquesne University’s Chronic Pain Research Consortium and School of Nursing

Friday, OCTOBER 27
8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Africa Room, Duquesne Union, Duquesne University

and ONLINE!

Every day, 91 Americans die from opioid overdoses, and of the more than half a million fatal overdoses between 2000 and 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that over 300,000 were caused by opioids. While rising heroin consumption is partly to blame, we now know that overdoses from prescription opioids are the driving factor behind these statistics; since 1999, deaths from drugs like oxycodone and hydrocodone have quadrupled. What’s more, according to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, of the 20.5 million Americans with substance use disorders in 2015, 2 million involved prescription pain relievers and another 591,000, heroin.

WHAT is going on here? HOW can we work together to stem this rising tide?

Please join us on Friday, Oct. 27, when an interdisciplinary slate of experts will address everything from what opioids are and how they work, to cutting-edge research on pain and addiction, to the roles of naloxone treatment and drug take-back programs, to the investigation and prosecution of manufacturers and distributors, and beyond. Whether you’re a criminal attorney or a health care provider, a death investigator or a social worker, a relative or friend of someone in need or simply a concerned citizen, please make plans to join us for this timely and important event.

Featuring a special lunchtime presentation by Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro.

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