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Summit Spotlight:

[Dr. Robert Califf, new FDA Commissioner, to speak at Summit](#)

Dr. Robert Califf, recently confirmed to lead the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will be part of the [Opening General Session](#) on **Tuesday, March 29**. Dr. Califf, who most recently served as the FDA's Deputy Commissioner for Medical Products and Tobacco, will join other Federal officials to provide attendees an overview of current policies and plans addressing Rx opioid abuse.

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Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit or Operation UNITE.

[New FDA chief cites promise of harder-to-use pain drugs](#)

Matthew Perrone, AP Health Writer

The Food and Drug Administration's new commissioner is pledging to fully back efforts to develop harder-to-abuse painkillers, part of a sweeping government effort to reduce deadly overdoses tied to prescription pain medications.

[Dr. Robert Califf](#) told a panel of FDA advisers on Tuesday, March 1, that his agency alone cannot solve the crisis of prescription drug abuse. But he pledged to do "everything possible under our authority to prevent abuse, save lives and treat dependence."

Last week, the Senate confirmed Califf to head the FDA, overcoming objections from

some senators that his agency has not done enough to combat painkiller abuse.

Dr. Califf will be a keynote speaker during the Rx Summit [Opening General Session](#) on Tuesday, March 28, 2016.

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['Chasing Heroin' - Inside an epidemic](#)

PBS Frontline

Frontline Investigates looks at America's heroin crisis in a fresh and provocative light - telling the stories of individual addicts, but also illuminating the epidemic's years-in-the-making social context, deeply examining shifts in drug policy, and exploring what happens when addiction is treated like a public health issue, not a crime. The 2-hour documentary first aired a few weeks ago.

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[Commentary: Physicians must turn the tide of the opioid epidemic](#)

Steven J. Slack, AMA President

We have a defining moment before us - the kind of moment that we will look back on in years to come as one in which we as a profession rose to the challenge to save our patients, our families and our communities during a time of crisis.

Our nation is needlessly losing thousands of people to a preventable epidemic, and we must take action for our patients.

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[DEA announces 11th Prescription Drug Take-Back Day](#)

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has announced its **11th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** will be held from 10 am to 2 pm on **Saturday, April 30, 2016**. Take-Back Day programs aim to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

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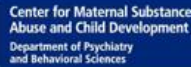


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