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[FDA Panel: Physician opioid training should be mandatory](#)

Pauline Anderson, Medscape Medical News

Physician training on the risks of Rx opioids should be mandatory and include

information on immediate-release (IR) as well as extended-release (ER) and longacting (LA) formulations, a **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** (FDA) advisory panel concludes. At a 2-day joint meeting, the FDA's Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee and its Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee unanimously voted to modify the ER/LA opioid analgesic Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS).

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NPR Morning Edition

National Public Radio's David Greene talks to Danna Droz of the **National Association of Boards of Pharmacy** (NABP) about differences in state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) databases. The segment includes a report by Bram Sable-Smith, of member station KBIA, who reports that **Missouri** is currently the only state that doesn't have such a database.

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[Abuse of employer-paid opioid prescriptions widespread](#)

Stephanie Goldberg, Business Insurance

Nearly one-third of opioid prescriptions paid for by employers are abused, according to a new report by Castlight Health Inc. The report aims to "provide employers with a more accurate picture of opiate painkiller abuse in the workplace, so they can better understand the extent and depth of the crisis," the San Francisco-based health care information company said in a statement.

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[Former FDA head: Opioid epidemic 'one of the greatest mistakes of modern medicine'](#)

Jim Axelrod, CBS News

Doctor David Kessler, who ran the FDA from 1990 to 1997, doesn't hold back when talking about the explosion in opioid use in the last two decades. "This has been one of the great mistakes of modern medicine," said Kessler, who went on to say opioid addiction in the U.S. amounts to an epidemic. "FDA has responsibility, the pharmaceutical companies have responsibility, physicians have responsibility. We didn't see these drugs for what they truly are."

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