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## Summit Spotlight:

### Save The Date

The 6th Annual **National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit** will be held **April 17-20, 2017**, at The Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta, Georgia. Calls for Proposals for the Summit as well as a Registration link will be announced soon.

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The online evaluation process is now available for attendees of the 2016 National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit. To complete your electronic evaluation and print your own statements of completion visit [cmeuniversity.com](http://cmeuniversity.com). For details or to download an instruction sheet click on the button below. This process must be completed by **May 31, 2016**.

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## Top Stories in the News:

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[AANP and nursing organizations launch initiative to combat opioid abuse and promote safe prescribing](#)

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and other leading nursing organizations announced today a new educational series to combat opioid abuse, encourage safe prescribing practices, and ensure patients with pain still maintain access to necessary pain relief. The educational commitment brings together the leading nursing organizations serving the profession, including AANP, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the American College of Nurse-Midwives, the American Nurses Association, the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties. Participating organizations will educate nursing faculty, students, and clinicians across the continuum of APRN education and training about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain*.

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## [Tennessee pain clinics to stop using opioids](#)

*Pat Anson, Pain News Network*

One of the largest healthcare systems in Tennessee will no longer prescribe long term opioid pain medication to patients at two of its pain management clinics. The move is the latest fallout from the prescribing guidelines released last month by the Centers for Disease for Prevention (CDC), which discourage the use of opioids for treating chronic pain. Although the CDC guidelines are voluntary and meant only for primary care physicians, many doctors around the country are adopting them and either weaning their patients off opioids or cutting them off entirely.

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## [Heroin to Other Opioids: From Understanding to Action](#)

*Partnership For Drug-Free Kids*

Too many families are struggling with today's heroin crisis and don't know where to turn. Together with the [High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas](#) in the eastern United States, the [Partnership For Drug-Free Kids](#) launched a new educational initiative, [Heroin and Other Opioids: From Understanding to Action](#) at the [2016 National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit](#). This initiative offers a destination where families can find support, information and treatment resources for their loved one.

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## [Heroin epidemic kills at least 23 Ohioians each week](#)

*Bill Whitaker, CBS 60 Minutes*

It's one of the biggest problems in America today: the out-of-control heroin epidemic. It's happening all over the country and forcing authorities to decide whether heroin should be treated as a medical or a legal problem. Last year, CBS reported that heroin is spreading through the Columbus, Ohio, suburbs. Ohio has been hard hit by heroin and we selected Columbus because the area is Middle America personified -- where companies have gone for years to test and market new products. Now it's where drug dealers, many of them from Mexico, are marketing their cheap and increasingly powerful heroin. CBS decided to go back to Ohio this year to see what is being done or could be done to solve a problem that is killing at least 23 people in Ohio every week.

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