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[CDC offers training on Opioid Prescribing Guideline](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

On **Wednesday, June 22** at 2:00pm EDT CDC will begin a **7-part webinar series** on its new opioid prescribing guideline. The first webinar will provide an overview of the CDC recommendations and will teach when and how opioids should be initiated for

chronic pain, how to assess risk and address harms of opioid use, and when and how opioids should be discontinued. Subsequent modules will touch upon the various recommendations in the Guideline. Each one-hour webinar will be available as a live webinar broadcast and as archived recordings following the live webinars. These are **free and offer continuing education credit** to physicians, nurses, pharmacists, health educators, and other healthcare providers.

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[New partnership helps 17 states share information to fight heroin crisis](#)

Celia Vimont, Join Together

A new federally-funded program is partnering with police departments and health departments in 17 states in the northeast and beyond to share information quickly to respond to the heroin crisis. The new initiative, known as the **Heroin Response Strategy**, funded by the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, has hired drug enforcement officers and public health analysts in each of those states to share information on drug trafficking and drug overdoses.

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[Listening, Learning, Leading: A series on Northern Kentucky University's role in the heroin crisis](#)

Abby Anstead, The Northerner

A regional heroin epidemic hits home for many at Northern Kentucky University. A year-long series of stories published for *The Northerner*, spotlights ways the university is involved. Topics include the potential of police officers carrying naloxone, students and faculty researching overdose prevention, the impact of heroin on the curriculum and members of the campus community involved in promoting understanding of addiction and advocating for treatment.

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[Details on death certificates offer layers of clues to opioid epidemic](#)

Jeff Cohen, WNPR

Dr. James Gill walked through the morgue in Farmington, Connecticut, recently, past the dock where the bodies come in, past the tissue donations area, and stopped outside the autopsy room. "We kind of have a typical board listing all of the decedents for the day," Gill said, pointing to the list of names on a dry-erase board. "Overdose, overdose, overdose, overdose, overdose. That's just for today." Gill is the chief medical

examiner for the state of Connecticut, and of the nine bodies in his custody that day, four were the remains of the people who likely died from an accidental drug overdose. A fifth was a probable suicide involving drugs. It was a sad but typical day, he explained, with a practical consequence for the state's morgue: Gill is running out of room to store bodies.

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