



ABOUT OPIOID ADDICTION

Genesee County Opioid Prevention Project

Dear Medical Professionals,

The Genesee County Medical Society and the Greater Flint Health Coalition's Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force would like to present you with the Genesee County Opioid Prescriber Toolkit. The Toolkit was designed to support a community-wide strategy to address the opioid epidemic in Genesee County.

The healthcare community plays a critical role in addressing the opioid epidemic and has an opportunity to make a difference. Genesee County providers have expressed an interest in additional resources to help navigate substance use treatment options for their patients. This Opioid Prescriber Toolkit is intended to serve as a resource for you to treat and support your Genesee County patients with pain or substance use issues.

Please take a moment to review the Genesee County Opioid Prescriber Toolkit, as well as the expanded online Toolkit with additional resources at www.KnowMoreGenesee.org.

The Toolkit contains:

- Quick Reference Referral Guide for Substance Use Treatment
- Opioid Legislation FAQs
- Prescribing Checklist for Controlled Substances
- Acute Care Prescribing Recommendations
- Chronic Pain Prescribing Recommendations
- Prescription Opioids: What You Need to Know
- Alternative Approaches to Managing Pain

The online Toolkit incorporates additional information to support providers in the treatment and support of their patients. It includes information on how to become a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) provider, as there is a great need for additional MAT providers in Genesee County. Detailed information regarding opioid legislation and the use of the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS) is available, along with specific opioid prescribing guidelines and educational resources for both acute and chronic pain prescribers. At the request of local providers, the online Toolkit also contains information on alternatives to opioid prescribing and proper disposal of opioid prescriptions.

As a medical professional we hope that you find this information useful as you continue to serve your patients with the utmost compassionate care.

Sincerely

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