


Prescribing and Pharmacology of Controlled Substances: Current Issues and Strategies for Successful Patient Care

August 1-3, 2025

Presented by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

AGENDA

Friday, August 1, 2025

- 12:45 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. **Registration** (Lunch on your own)
- 1:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Welcome and Announcements**
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Gas Station Pharmacology**
J. Luke Engeriser, MD | Deputy Chief Medical Officer, AltaPointe Health Systems, Mobile
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Basics of Controlled Substances: Utilizing the PDMP as a Monitoring Tool**
Scott Harris, MD | State Health Officer | Alabama Department of Public Health
Nancy Bishop, RPh | State Pharmacy Director | Alabama Department of Public Health
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Break** (Registered attendees only)
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Prescribing Controlled Substances: A DEA Perspective**
Clay Morris | Chief of Police in Pell City, Retired DEA Supervisory Special Agent
Sean Stephen | Assistant Chief of Police, Pell City, AL; Retired DEA Supervisory Special Agent
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Prescribing Controlled Substances by Telehealth**
Effie M. Hawthorne, JD | Associate General Counsel, Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  **Testosterone: Prescribing Issues**
George T. Koulianos, MD | Founder & Medical Director of The Center for Reproductive Medicine, Mobile, AL | ALBME*

Saturday, August 2, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast** (Registered attendees only)
- 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**
- 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Issues**
Theodore V. Parran, Jr., MD | Vice Dean Medical Education, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

- 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Buprenorphine: Managing Opioid Use Disorder**
J. Luke Engeriser, MD | Deputy Chief Medical Officer, AltaPointe Health Systems, Mobile
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Break** (Registered attendees only)
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Psychostimulant and Benzodiazepine Prescribing**
Theodore V. Parran, Jr., MD | Vice Dean Medical Education, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Prescribing Dilemmas Part I: Case Studies from the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners**
Gregory W. Ayers, MD | Birmingham Hospitalists PC, Birmingham | ALBME*
J. Matthew Hart, JD | Special Counsel to the Executive Director, Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
David Thrasher, MD | Pulmonary and Critical Care, Montgomery | ALBME*

Sunday, August 3, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast** (Registered attendees only)
- 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**
- 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Controlled Prescribing in Collaborative/Supervisory Relationships: Roles and Responsibilities**
Suzanne Powell, RN | Collaborative Practice Nurse Consultant | Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Controlled Substance Issues in Palliative Medicine and Geriatrics**
Gregory W. Ayers, MD | Birmingham Hospitalists PC, Birmingham | ALBME*
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Break** (Registered attendees only)
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  **An Advanced Practice Provider's Perspective on Prescribing in A Collaborative/Supervisory Practice**
Adam Kinsaul, DNP, ACNP-BC-RNFA
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Prescribing Dilemmas Part II: Case Studies from the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners**
Gregory W. Ayers, MD | Birmingham Hospitalists PC, Birmingham | ALBME*
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Holders of a QACSC: The 12-hour Prescribing course is required for PAs, CRNPs and CNMs to obtain a QACSC. To renew a QACSC, PAs, CRNPs and CNMs must attend four hours of the twelve-hour Prescribing course, or any other Board-approved prescribing controlled substances course, every two years, listed at

www.albme.gov/uploads/pdfs/ApprovedCMECourses.pdf.