

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

July 31 - August 2, 2026

Presented by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

AGENDA

Friday, July 31, 2026

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Registration** (Lunch on your own)
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Welcome and Announcements**
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Controlled Substance Prescribing in Collaborative/Supervisory Relationships:
Roles and Responsibilities**
Suzanne Powell, RN | Director of Advance Practice Providers | ALBME*
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Psychostimulant and Benzodiazepine Prescribing**
Theodore V. Parran, Jr., MD | Vice Dean Medical Education |
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Break** (Registered attendees only)
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Prescribing Controlled Substances by Telehealth**
Effie M. Hawthorne, JD | Associate General Counsel | ALBME*
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Issues**
Theodore V. Parran, Jr., MD | Vice Dean Medical Education |
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  **Ketamine: What You Need to Know**
Gregory W. Ayers, MD | Birmingham Hospitalists, PC | ALBME*
J. Luke Engeriser, MD | Deputy Chief Medical Officer | AltaPointe Health
Systems, Mobile

Saturday, August 1, 2026

- 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. **Buprenorphine: Managing Opioid Use Disorder**
J. Luke Engeriser, MD | Deputy Chief Medical Officer | AltaPointe Health
Systems, Mobile

- 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** **Controlled Substance Issues in Palliative Medicine and Geriatrics**
Gregory W. Ayers, MD | Birmingham Hospitalists, PC | ALBME*
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Break** (Registered attendees only)
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Gas Station Pharmacology**
J. Luke Engeriser, MD | Deputy Chief Medical Officer | AltaPointe Health Systems, Mobile
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Prescribing Dilemmas: Case Studies from the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners**
Gregory W. Ayers, MD | Birmingham Hospitalists, PC | ALBME*
Effie M. Hawthorne, JD | Associate General Counsel | ALBME*
Suzanne Powell, RN | Director of Advanced Practice Providers | ALBME*
Tonya Bradley, MD | Auburn Pediatric and Adult Medicine | ALBME*

Sunday, August 2, 2026

- 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. – 8:30 a.m.** **Testosterone: Prescribing Issues**
William J. Terry, Jr., MD | Partner | Urology Associates of Mobile
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **An Advanced Practice Provider's Perspective on Prescribing in a Collaborative/Supervisory Practice**
Adam Kinsaul, DNP | Acute Care Nurse Practitioner | Precision Southern Orthopedics, Jasper
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** **Break** (Registered attendees only)
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** **Prescribing Controlled Substances: A DEA Perspective**
Clay Morris | Chief of Police, Hoover | Retired DEA Supervisory Special Agent
Sean Stephen | Executive Officer, Hoover Police Department | Retired DEA Supervisory Special Agent
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  **PDMP in Practice: A Clinical Tool for Safer Prescribing**
Rachel Kiefer, PharmD | Assistant State Pharmacist | Alabama Department of Public Health
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  **Controlled Substance Prescribing: An Investigator's Perspective**
Edwin Rogers | Chief Investigator | ALBME*
Bob Steelman | Deputy Chief Investigator | ALBME*

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Agenda subject to change.**

Holders of an ACSC: Any two hours of the 12-hour Prescribing course meets the ALBME CME rule requiring holders of an ACSC to have, every two years, 2 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* of prescribing controlled substances.

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.