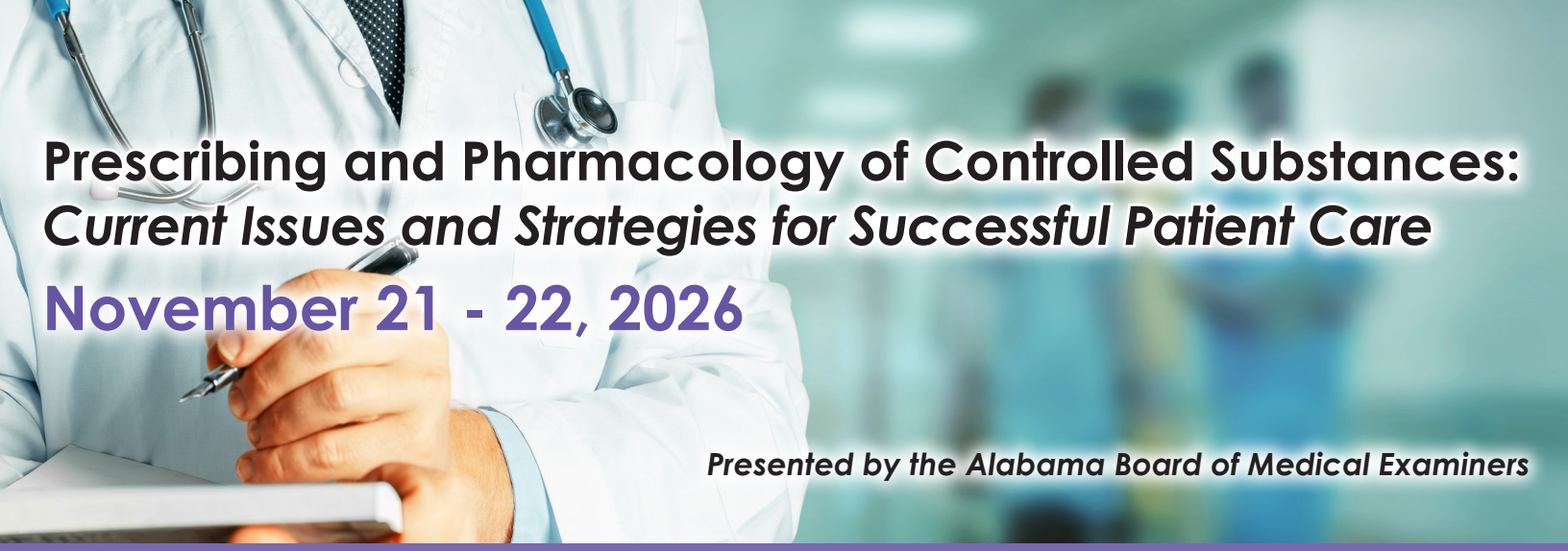


Prescribing and Pharmacology of Controlled Substances: *Current Issues and Strategies for Successful Patient Care*

November 21 - 22, 2026

Presented by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

AGENDA

Saturday, November 21, 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.	**Controlled Substance Prescribing in Collaborative/Supervisory Relationships: Roles and Responsibilities** Suzanne Powell, RN | Director of Advanced Practice Providers | ALBME*
8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	**Prescribing Controlled Substances by Telehealth** Effie M. Hawthorne, JD | Associate General Counsel | ALBME*
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Issues** Theodore V. Parran, Jr., MD | Vice Dean Medical Education |Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	**Break** (Registered attendees only)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	**Buprenorphine: Managing Opioid Use Disorder** J. Luke Engeriser, MD | Deputy Chief Medical Officer | AltaPointe Health Systems, Mobile
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	**Psychostimulant and Benzodiazepine Prescribing** Theodore V. Parran, Jr., MD | Vice Dean Medical Education | Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	**Lunch** (Registered attendees only)
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**Controlled Substance Issues in Palliative Medicine and Geriatrics** Gregory W. Ayers, MD | Birmingham Hospitalists, PC | ALBME*
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.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
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	**Break** (Registered attendees only)

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. NEW
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

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 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*
Adam Harrison, DO | Cullman Internal Medicine | ALBME*

Sunday, November 22, 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.
Gas Station Pharmacology
J. Luke Engeriser, MD | Deputy Chief Medical Officer | AltaPointe Health Systems, Mobile

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 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

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Break** (Registered attendees only)

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. NEW
PDMP in Practice: A Clinical Tool for Safer Prescribing
Rachel Kiefer, PharmD | Assistant State Pharmacist | Alabama Department of Public Health

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Testosterone: Prescribing Issues
William J. Terry, Jr., MD | Partner | Urology Associates of Mobile

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NEW
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.