

Frontiers in Pain Management

19th Annual Meeting of the Alliance of State Pain Initiatives



Concurrent Workshop C4

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9:15 am - 10:30 am

Pain and Legal Issues Discussion Panel

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This session will provide an overview of state, federal, and private perspectives pertaining to the law and the appropriate treatment of pain in order to ensure compliance and public safety.

At the conclusion of the session, participants should be able to:

- identify three examples of educational gaps in order to improve stakeholder understanding, regulatory compliance, and quality of pain care
- describe three courtroom lessons that stakeholders must focus on and understand as a platform to balance and improve stakeholder responsibility
- recall the legal requirements of a prescription and of DATA Waived Physicians
- understand the mission of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Office of Diversion Control and the Controlled Substances Act and its implementing regulations
- discuss the current status of state pain policies and disciplinary activity over time
- identify the three major areas of state medical board activity related to appropriate opioid prescribing
- understand the role of the Federation of State Medical Boards and its pain care related initiatives and efforts