

# Request for Formation of Opioid Workgroup

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# BSC Opioid Workgroup (OWG) Formation Request

- **Primary purpose:** To provide expert input and observations on a possible update or expansion of the [\*CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain —United States, 2016\*](#)
- **Possible secondary purpose (on request):** To provide expert input and observations on other matters related to the opioid crisis

## BSC OWG Tasks

- **Review the quality and implications of clinical and contextual evidence reviews**
- **Review each guideline recommendation statement and accompanying rationale**
- **Consider specific aspects of each recommendation**
- **Develop a summary, including points of agreement and disagreement, regarding the OWG's observations**

## **BSC OWG Tasks (Cont'd)**

- **Consider specific aspects of each recommendation, including:**
  - **Quality of the evidence supporting the recommendation**
  - **Balance of benefits and risks**
  - **Values and preferences of clinicians and patients**
  - **Cost feasibility**
  - **Category designation (i.e., Category A or B)**

# **BSC OWG and BSC Engagement Overview: Opioid Prescribing Guideline**

- **BSC OWG will provide a report detailing its findings and observations about the draft guideline to the BSC/NCIPC**
- **BSC/NCIPC will subsequently review the workgroup's product, discuss, deliberate, and provide advice and recommendations**

# Opioid Workgroup Request: Membership

- **Comprised of 12–20 persons**
  - Chair must be an appointed BSC member
  - At least one other appointed BSC member
  - External experts
- **Supported by the OWG Designated Federal Officer (DFO)**
- **Possible limited number of *ad hoc* members and federal representatives**

# Opioid Workgroup Request: Membership

- **Perspectives\* ‡† that would support the OWG's capacity to complete tasks include:**
  - **Clinicians** (details on next slides)
  - **Ethicists**
  - **Patients and Families**
  - **Pharmacists/ Pharmacologists**
  - **Public health practitioners**
  - **Research scientists**

\* Order is alphabetical and not intended to signify importance or prioritization

‡ Prospective members who offer two or more perspectives are desired

† Federal advisory committee management requirements will guide final selections

## **OWG Request: Membership, including Clinical Perspectives (1 of 2)**

**Objective is to represent a wide range of clinical specialists who may engage in treating acute and chronic pain:**

- **Dentists**
- **Primary care clinicians**
- **Surgeons**
- **Other specialists** (detailed next slide)



# OWG Request: Membership, including Clinical Perspectives (2 of 2)

## **Other specialties include:**

- Addiction Medicine/Addiction Psychiatry
- Anesthesiology
- Behavioral Health Specialties
- Emergency Medicine (also, “urgent care”)
- Hematology/Oncology
- Hospital Medicine
- Medical Toxicology
- Neonatology / Perinatology / Prenatal and Peripartum care
- Neurology
- Occupational Medicine
- Pain Medicine
- Palliative Medicine
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

## Opioid Workgroup: More on *Process* (1 of 3)

- **Develop a list of prospective workgroup members (informed by the BSC and public comment)**
- **Request and review disclosures of competing conflicts of interest, if any**
- **Develop a slate of prospective workgroup members, ensuring maximal breadth of expertise and diversity in perspectives**
- **Provide an update to the BSC on the formation of the Opioid Workgroup in Spring, 2020**

## Opioid Workgroup: More on *Process* (2 of 3)

- **Convene workgroup members via a series of webinars/online forums to gather clinical and methodologic feedback on evidence reviews and draft guideline**
  - **Timing and topics for meetings will be planned by OWG Chair and OWG DFO**
  - **Follow-up conference calls will be scheduled as needed for draft report development**

## Opioid Workgroup: More on *Process (3 of 3)*

- **Final Opioid Workgroup report summarizing the expert input obtained via the webinars/online forums**
- **Report to be presented at NCIPC BSC meeting (TBD: approx. 1 year) for BSC approval or modification**
- **NCIPC BSC provides recommendations regarding draft updated or expanded opioid prescribing guideline**

# Summary of CDC's Request

- **CDC requests of the BSC:**
  - **Establishment of the NCIPC BSC Opioid Workgroup**
  - **Recommendations for balanced perspectives and expert representation (within the restrictions of conflicts of interest and federal regulations)**

# Public Comment

**Persons who wish to be considered for nomination to the Opioid Workgroup should email a current curriculum vitae and contact information to [NCIPCBSC@cdc.gov](mailto:NCIPCBSC@cdc.gov) by or before 2/04/2020**

# Thank you!

For more information, contact CDC  
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)  
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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