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Empowering community pharmacists to prevent opioid overdose deaths: development and implementation of a targeted naloxone training program – Phase II

INFORMATION/INVITATION LETTER

Dear Pharmacist,

We are currently recruiting community pharmacists to participate in a study to enhance pharmacists' knowledge and ability to dispense naloxone for prevention of opioid overdose deaths in community pharmacies in Alabama. The study is being conducted by Lindsey Hohmann, PharmD, as her final dissertation project under the direction of Salisa Westrick, PhD in the Auburn University Department of Health Outcomes Research and Policy. You were selected as a possible participant because you are a registered pharmacist practicing in a community pharmacy in selected Alabama counties that have high opioid-related death rates. You do not need to currently stock or dispense naloxone at your pharmacy in order to participate.

What is the purpose of this study?

The goal of this study is to increase Alabama community pharmacists' awareness, knowledge, confidence, and intentions in dispensing naloxone using evidence-based strategies to set up or streamline naloxone services in their pharmacies. By exploring changes in pharmacists' knowledge, confidence, intentions, and naloxone-related activities before and after receipt of a naloxone training program newly created specifically for Alabama community pharmacists, we hope to learn whether our training program is useful and effective, and improve patient access to naloxone.

What will my participation involve?

If you decide to participate in this research study, you will be randomly assigned to either an intervention or control group. Intervention group participants will immediately receive a free ACPE-accredited continuing education (CE) program; control group participants will not immediately receive the training, but will be provided with the free CE program after the conclusion of the 3-month study. CE topics will include naloxone dispensing basics, legal issues specific to Alabama, and expert communication and workflow strategies. Regardless of group assignment, you will be asked to complete three 15-minute online surveys to track your knowledge and activities during the 3-month study period. Moreover, each participant, regardless of group membership, will receive one \$10 gift card after completing the first 2 surveys, & a second \$15 gift card after completing the third survey after 3 months.

What do I do to participate?

If you are interested in participating, please complete the online interest form at <http://bit.ly/NaloxoneAU> or contact Lindsey Hohmann at LAH0036@auburn.edu or 805-698-1001. We will be contacting you by fax, email, or phone in the next week to talk with you about our study and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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