Cultural and Linguistic Competency
This activity is in compliance with California Assembly Bill 1195 which requires continuing medical education activities with patient care components to include curriculum in the subjects of cultural and linguistic competency. Cultural competency is defined as a set of integrated attitudes, knowledge, and skills that enables health care professionals or organizations to care effectively for patients from diverse cultures, groups, and communities. Linguistic competency is defined as the ability of a physician or surgeon to provide patients who do not speak English or who have limited ability to speak English, direct communication in the patient’s primary language. Cultural and linguistic competency was incorporated into the planning of this activity. Additional resources on cultural and linguistic competency and information about AB1195 can be found on the UCSD CME website at http://cme.ucsd.edu.

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**Physician Prescribing Course**

Designed for physicians who confront disciplinary actions from licensing boards over drug prescribing issues, or for those physicians who wish to improve their knowledge of drug pharmacology and prescribing issues.

Course objectives covered during this two and one-half day program.

At the end of this CME activity, participants should be able:

- To summarize prescribing practices based on education and illustration
- To interpret and apply the laws pertaining to medical prescribing practices
- To differentiate between and express the legal, biomedical and clinical standards of prescribing drugs
- To identify the law pertaining to prescribing controlled substances
- To recognize and effectively managing the ‘difficult’ patient

**Needs Assessment:**

This course was designed in response to numerous requests from state medical boards, hospitals, risk management groups and hospital peer review committees to address errors commonly identified in medical prescribing and teach proper prescribing practices.

**Monday Course Overview:**

- Welcome and Continental Breakfast
- Management of Back Pain  
  David Bazzo, M.D.
- Critical Review of the Medical Literature  
  David Folsom, M.D. or Dustin Lillie, M.D.
- Principles of Pharmacokinetics and Drug Metabolism  
  Lee Cantrell, Pharm. D., DABAT
- Pharmacology of Sedative Hypnotics  
  Lee Cantrell, Pharm. D., DABAT
- Adherence in the Treatment of High-Risk Patients  
  Robert Weibert, Pharm. D.
- Pharmacologic Management of Pain: Barriers to Success  
  Farshad Ahadian, M.D.
- Pharmacologic Management of Pain: Strategies for Success  
  Farshad Ahadian, M.D.
- Dealing with the Demanding Patient, the Seductive Patient, and the Manipulative Patient  
  Margaret McCahill, M.D.
- Evening: Independent Study (2.0 hours) Open Book Exam
- Prescribing Laws of California and California Medical Board Guidelines  
  Suraj Achar, M.D.
- Open Book Exam Materials and Instruction

**Tuesday Course Overview:**

- Management of Headache  
  David Bazzo, M.D.
- Prescribing Laws for Physicians  
  Suraj Achar, M.D.
- Guidelines on Prescribing for Chronic Pain  
  Suraj Achar, M.D.
- Fibromyalgia  
  Suraj Achar, M.D.
- Drug Interactions  
  Robert Weibert, Pharm.D.
- Clinical and Pharmacological aspects of ADD  
  Kai MacDonald, M.D.
- How addictions hijack the brain  
  Kai MacDonald, M.D.
- Evening: Independent Study (2.0 hours) Open Book Exam

**Wednesday Course Overview:**

- Recipe for Personality Soup: Start with Boundaries, Mix in Sage, and Simmer Gently.  
  Margaret McCahill, M.D.
- General Case Discussion  
  Margaret McCahill, M.D.
- Review of Open Book Examination  
  Tyson Ikeda, M.D.
- Review and Evaluation of Physician Prescribing Course, Post-Test and Course Conclusion