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Methadone Safety: Findings from a Systematic Review and Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines

Description:

Methadone is used for the treatment of opioid addiction and for treatment of chronic pain. The safety of methadone has been called into question by data indicating a large increase in the number of methadone-associated overdose deaths in recent years that has occurred in parallel with a dramatic rise in the use of methadone for chronic pain. The American Pain Society (APS) and the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), in collaboration with the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS), commissioned an interdisciplinary expert panel to develop a clinical practice guideline on safer prescribing of methadone for treatment of opioid addiction and chronic pain. As part of the guideline development process, the APS commissioned a systematic review on various aspects related to safety of methadone. This talk will summarize the clinical guideline process, present the clinical guidelines, and highlight specific research gaps.

***This is a brown bag event.** Please feel free to bring your own lunch to eat during the lecture.*