

# PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

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### **"Chronic Opioid Therapy and the Receipt of Preventive Services in Rural Primary Care"**

#### **ABSTRACT**

Chronic non-cancer pain (CNCP) is a common and important public health issue associated with decreased quality of life, disability, loss of productivity, high direct costs for treatment, and increased use of health services. For clinicians, using opioid therapy for CNCP often gives rise to a conflict between treating their patients' pain and fears of addiction, diversion of medication, and/or legal action. These concerns may complicate clinical decision making regarding the prescription of opioids and may result in extra time demands and/or failures in the patient-clinician relationship. Consequent stresses on clinical encounters might adversely affect some elements of clinical care, including the provision of preventive services. This presentation will report on a study conducted to evaluate a possible association between chronic opioid therapy for CNCP and the receipt of clinical preventive and screening services in rural primary care.

Food and beverages will be provided.