



# Kickoff Webinar for Opioid Safety Assessment

**WEBINAR: Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 at Noon CST**

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Pharmacists, Nurses, Physicians, Medication Safety Officers, Quality Professionals, Risk Managers, and Nursing Leaders

As a class of high-alert medications, opioids bear a heightened risk of causing significant patient harm, including respiratory depression and even death, when used in error. Ensuring that effective risk-reduction strategies are in place to guard against such events is critical to providing safe care to patients when prescribing, dispensing, administering, and monitoring the effects of these medications.

To highlight and advance safe opioid practices, ICAHN is working collaboratively with the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), a nonprofit organization dedicated entirely to safe medication use, to provide access to ISMP's Medication Safety Self Assessment® for High-Alert Medications.

As a part of this collaborative project, hospitals will work as an interdisciplinary team to assess their practices by utilizing the ISMP Medication Safety Self Assessment® for High-Alert Medications and submitting their findings for the following sections focused on opioid safety: general demographic questions, general high-alert medications assessment items, and the opioids assessment items. The tool will allow participating hospitals the ability to evaluate the safety of opioid practices within their facility and identify opportunities for improvement. The use of the self assessment may also help providers meet or gauge their compliance with managing opioids and other high-alert medications as required by various regulatory agencies, such as The Joint Commission.

This kickoff webinar will cover the importance of utilizing the assessment, how to access the tool, how to establish your assessment team, and the process for completing and submitting the applicable assessment sections.

The information gathered from hospitals as a part of this collaborative will be aggregated and presented at a follow-up webinar that will help to identify opportunities for process improvement. Facilities can also use the aggregate findings to compare their results to other ICAHN-participating sites.

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