

REMS: Collectively Working Towards Safe Use of Opioids



*“The whole point of REMS is to assure that **risks** are **minimized** and **benefits** are **maximized**”*

David Brushwood, RPh, JD
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

*“Physicians **need** REMS to be **sentinels** of public health, doing **safe** and effective prescribing”*

Perry Fine, MD
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

*“The intention of REMS to collectively work towards safe use of all opioids, **not just LAO/ER opioid formulations**, should be embraced”*

Lynn Webster, MD
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*“What will require thought is **how the lessons learned are utilized in practice**, particularly with respect to discussion of risk stratification, tailoring of delivery of opioid therapy to correspond to the assessed level of risk, and inclusion of **more patient education and management of overdose risk**”*

Steven D Passik, PhD
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

*“As of now, clinicians need to be aware that **changes are coming**. These will include an emphasis on clinician education regarding **risks and benefits** of opioids, pharmacists offering information to patients, and patients being provided details on safety and risks associated with opioids”*

Michael J Brennan, MD
The Pain Center of Fairfield, Fairfield, CT

*“REMS requirements are likely to impact current standard operating procedures in practice; **this will soon become the new routine** for the prescribing of opioid analgesics”*

Patricia Bruckenthal, PhD, RN, ANP-C
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