

OPIOID ABUSE AND OLDER ADULTS

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The public rarely pictures older adults when hearing about the opioid epidemic, yet older adult opioid use is on the rise. In 2016, one in three Part D beneficiaries received a prescription opioid, often exceeding the manufacturer's recommended dosage. The AARP Bulletin (January 2018) reports that between the years 2000 and 2015, opioid overdose deaths among adults ages 65 and 74 increased sevenfold. When correctly prescribed, opioids can be an effective tool, yet opioids also pose significant risks: breathing complications, fall risk, confusion, sedation and drug interaction. This workshop will review the risks of older adult opioid use and how to effectively prevent and address opioid use disorders in older adults.

Thursday, October 24, 2019

5:00pm – 5:30pm - Registration Sign-in and Dinner

5:30pm – 6:30pm - Presentation

Auberge at Orchard Park

5520 Lincoln Avenue

Morton Grove, IL 60053

A \$5.00 fee is requested from all professionals in the field of aging prior to the date of the event. An invoice will be emailed after registration. Please make checks payable to Elderwerks Educational Services, a 501C3 not-for-profit corporation and mail to PO box 92, Cary, IL 60013. To pay by credit card, please follow the link included in the invoice to pay online.

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