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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

Patients abuse this laxative for an opiate-like high

“Laxatives serve a very specific purpose—most people wouldn't think there would be any potential to use laxatives recreationally to get "high." The truth is, some of your patients may be doing just that.”

The Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Guide

“Approximately 85% of neonatal and pediatric patients present to general emergency departments (EDs) rather than specialized pediatric EDs. When necessary, it's essential to ensure your ED is able to quickly and safely transfer pediatric patients between facilities.”

Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs About Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Primary Care

“Primary care physicians (PCPs), a frequent, convenient, nonstigmatized touchpoint with health care, hold promise for expanding access to buprenorphine, the only office-based medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) with demonstrated effectiveness in reducing overdose mortality.”

FEMA and HHS Announce Resources and Tips to Address Extreme Heat Sweeping the Nation

“Extreme heat is an increasing concern, and we are continuing to highlight the importance of mitigating its impacts,” said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. “Partnering with HHS to make sure that people have the information and resources they need to stay safe and make decisions that are right for them and their families is a big focus for us right now.”

Young people's mental health suffered amid COVID pandemic, 3 new studies suggest

“The COVID-19 pandemic and related lockdowns harmed the mental health of Canadian and US youth, exacerbating depression, anxiety, and eating disorders among certain groups, according to a trio of new studies published in JAMA journals.”

Safe Staffing Through New Models of Care

“Safety is the number 1 priority for nurse leaders, and ensuring safe staffing is critical. Safe staffing in an era of nurse shortages must be achieved by a radical change to the current models of care. Clinical organizations must innovate by implementing and testing new models of care while partnering with their local academic colleagues to develop a new body of evidence.”

Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

July 25 (free) - Opioid Death Prevention and Naloxone Administration

(In-person one-hour training at 10am, 11am, or 1 pm at 1202 W. 16th St. Indianapolis. Registration required, Email Monica and indicate time attending)

August 1, 8, 15, and 22 (free) - Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Coach

(In-person. Registration required.)

August 6 (free) - MESH Grand Rounds Series

(Virtual. Registration required.)

August 20 (free) - A.W.A.R.E. MindfulnessSM Level 1

(Virtual. Registration required.)

August 27 (\$30) - OSHA Workplace Stress Management Safety

(Virtual. Registration required.)

Events

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