**New IL Physician Licensure Requirements for 2020 Renewal**

The Illinois legislature has enacted two new licensure requirements for physicians. All IL physician licenses will be due for renewal in July 2020 so this is important information for everyone to review.

As in prior years, all licensed physicians will continue to be required to complete 150 hours of continuing medical education (CME) in order to renew their license. What is new is that as part of the CME requirement, physicians must now complete **three CME hours on safe opioid prescribing practices** offered or accredited by a professional association, state government agency or federal agency. A link to the legislation can be found here: ([IL opioid legislation](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2777&GAID=14&GA=100&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=109895&SessionID=91))

Additionally, please note that the IL legislature has also passed a requirement that physicians will need to complete **one hour of education related to sexual harassment prevention**. ([IL sexual harassment legislation](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=4953&GAID=14&GA=100&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=110373&SessionID=91)). However, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) has not yet set the rules regarding what exactly will fulfill the educational requirement. The Feinberg CME office will update you when this information is available.

More information on these requirements is also available from the [Illinois State Medical Society](https://www.isms.org/Resources/For_Physicians/Licensure_and_Credentialing/Medical_Licensure_and_CME_Information/)

The Feinberg CME office has collected a list of resources for Northwestern Medicine physicians to enable everyone to achieve this requirement as efficiently as possible.

**Opioid Education Resources:**

Northwestern Grand Rounds Recorded Lectures (CME available):

Curbing the Opioid Epidemic: How Hospital-Based Clinicians Can Be Part of the Solution: <https://northwestern.cloud-cme.com/OpioidEpidemic>

Opioids at Your Clinical Doorstep: The US Crisis and the Development of Opioid Related Constipation: Updated Nomenclature and Therapeutic Recommendations: <https://northwestern.cloud-cme.com/OpioidCrisis>

Mothers and Newborns affected by Opioid Initiative: <https://northwestern.cloud-cme.com/NewbornsOpioid>  
*\*For NM physicians only and requires you to be logged into the NM network to view.*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Opioid basics, data, overdose prevention, guidelines, and trainings. (Free. Multiple modules with CME available). <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/training/index.html>

NEJM Knowledge+ Pain Management and Opioids focus module. (Free. CME and MOC available) <https://knowledgeplusoffers.nejm.org/special53a/?utm_source=nejm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmmlaunch>

American College of Physicians (ACP): SAFE Opioid Prescribing: Strategies. Assessment. Fundamentals. Education. (Free. Six half-hour online modules with CME and ABIM MK MOC available)

<https://www.acponline.org/meetings-courses/focused-topics/safe-opioid-prescribing-strategies-assessment-fundamentals-education>

Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS): Opioids: Resources to Combat Misuse, Abuse, and Overdose. (Fee associated. CME available). <https://www.isms.org/opioids/>