

TO: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – STATE BOARDS OF PHARMACY  
FROM: Lemrey “Al” Carter, Executive Director/Secretary  
DATE: December 5, 2024  
RE: *FDA Drug Topics: An Update on Transmucosal Buprenorphine and Dental Caries* –  
December 10, 2024

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Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) Center for Drug Evaluation and Research will host a webinar on December 10, 2024, from 1-2 PM ET, titled, *FDA Drug Topics: An Update on Transmucosal Buprenorphine and Dental Caries*. Learning objectives for this session include the following:

- Discuss the national opioid crisis, opioid use disorder, and available treatments.
- Describe cases of dental caries with the use of transmucosal buprenorphine-containing products.
- Review FDA’s framework for updating product labeling and explain FDA’s findings and the resulting regulatory action.
- Summarize how health care providers can help mitigate these adverse events.

This session is intended for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, students, and other health care professionals. Additional information, including the registration link, is attached.

cc: NABP Executive Committee

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FDA DRUG TOPICS



# CE Webinars for Health Care Professionals

## FDA Drug Topics: An Update on Transmucosal Buprenorphine and Dental Caries

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

**Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (ET)**

[Register](#)

**After registering, you will receive a calendar invitation with details on how to join the online ZOOM meeting.**

**An email will be sent to all participants by the next business day with instructions on how to claim CE and a copy of the presentation slides.**

### **Activity Outline**

**Description:** This series of educational webinars is designed to aid physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, certified public health professionals, other health care professionals, and students, to provide better patient care by knowing how to find relevant FDA regulatory information that will improve drug safety. In this webinar, we will highlight the regulatory action taken by FDA regarding a post-market safety signal of transmucosal buprenorphine products and dental caries. The audience will gain knowledge on the science behind this action, as well as increase their awareness of the national opioid crisis, treatments for opioid use disorder, and FDA's regulatory authority for addressing safety issues in drug labeling. Upon completion of the activity, healthcare providers will leave with an improved understanding of these adverse events and be better equipped to inform patients.

## References:

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- Etminan, Mahyar, Ramin Rezaeianzadeh, Abbas Kezouh, and Kevin Aminzadeh. 2022. 'Association Between Sublingual Buprenorphine-Naloxone Exposure and Dental Disease', JAMA, 328: 2269-71.
- Barus, R., F. Montastruc, C. de Canecaude, H. Bagheri, A. Sommet, and M. Lapeyre-Mestre. 2023. 'Sublingual/Buccal buprenorphine and dental problems: a pharmacovigilance study', Expert Opin Drug Saf, 22: 1283-87.

## Series Objectives:

- Explain how to utilize FDA's drug information, medication safety resources, and regulatory guidance, to improve delivery of patient care and optimize outcomes.
- Describe and inform health care providers of recent labeling changes which would impact prescribing and medication management to optimize patient care.

## Learning Objectives: After completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- Discuss the national opioid crisis, opioid use disorder, and available treatments.
- Describe cases of dental caries with the use of transmucosal buprenorphine-containing products.
- Review FDA's framework for updating product labeling and explain FDA's findings and the resulting regulatory action.
- Summarize how healthcare providers can help mitigate these adverse events.

**Target Audience:** This activity is intended for physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, certified public health professionals, other health care professionals, and students.

## Schedule:

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm – **FDA Drug Topics: An Update on Transmucosal Buprenorphine and Dental Caries** presented by CDR Mark Liberatore, PharmD, RAC, Deputy Director for Safety of the Division of Anesthesiology, Addiction Medicine, and Pain Medicine (DAAP) in FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

### **Continuing Education Accreditation:**

In support of improving patient care, FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 1 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit(s) for learning and change.



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FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians and physician assistants should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### **CPE**

This knowledge-based activity has been assigned ACPE Universal Activity Number JA0002895-0000-24-100-L08-P, and ACPE Universal Activity Number JA0002895-0000-24-100-L08-T for 1.00 contact hour(s).

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