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## ***Foundation Launches New Online Educational Series on Safe and Effective Prescribing***

Program addresses lack of resources for health care trainees

The PhRMA Foundation has launched a new online educational series for medical, nursing and pharmacy schools on safe and effective prescribing, featuring instruction from national experts.

Developed in partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Foundation for the NIH, American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT) and the Reagan-Udall Foundation, the [Safe and Effective Prescribing Initiative](#) features five course modules, which are free and may be accessed from the PhRMA Foundation website.

Each module includes a video tutorial, led by an expert in prescribing; a self-assessment test; a case study; and a supplemental list of research and resources. Topics include:

[Clinically Important Drug Interactions](#), with Sarah Robertson, PharmD, Vertex Pharmaceuticals

[Prescribing Drugs in Neonates, Infants, Children and Adolescents](#), with John N. van den Anker, MD, PhD, Children's National Medical Center

[Assessment and Reporting of Adverse Drug Reactions](#), with Christine Chamberlain, PharmD, BCPS, CDE, of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

[Pharmacodynamics of Aging](#), with the late Darrell R. Abernethy, MD, PhD, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

[Obstetric Pharmacology](#), with Catherine M. Stika, MD, Northwestern University

Module users are encouraged to take the self-assessment test prior to viewing the module and again post-viewing to check what they have learned. The modules range in length from 34 to 55 minutes each.

The new online resource from the PhRMA Foundation was launched in response to data from the Association of American Medical Colleges citing a lack of sufficient training in safe and effective prescribing in the medical school curriculum. Each of the modules has been designed in a way that makes them useful for a wide range of potential prescribers and others who need knowledge of safe prescribing – from medical, nursing and pharmacy students to established practitioners in all three disciplines.

“The PhRMA Foundation firmly believes that efficient and safe prescribing requires specialized training, said Eileen Cannon, President of the PhRMA Foundation. “The Safe and Effective Prescribing Initiative addresses this need by providing diverse training by nationally recognized experts in various pharmacological disciplines.”

“We are confident that this new resource will better prepare current and future prescribers to maximize efficacy, minimize toxicity and strengthen patient safety in the United States,” she added.

To access or learn more about the Safe and Effective Prescribing educational modules, please visit <http://www.phrmafoundation.org/safe-and-effective-prescribing-project/>.

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