

Healthcare Provider Education

AR-IMPACT

AR-IMPACT is a free online continuing education (CE) opportunity for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists via learn on demand. Live CME credit will be available through the AR-IMPACT Speakers Bureau. The AR-IMPACT online forum will be a means for practicing clinicians to obtain expert advice from our AR-IMPACT team via an online portal. For more information, visit <https://arimpact.uams.edu/>.

Academic Detailing

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is partnering with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the AR-IMPACT program (Improving Multi-disciplinary Pain Care and Treatment) to offer a new service for healthcare providers in the state. Academic Detailing is a nationally supported effort in which a trained healthcare provider meets providers one-on-one and discusses, in this case, the most recent national guidelines for safe prescribing of opioids, alternative treatments for chronic pain, and how to taper opioids safely. This service is free of charge and generally takes 10-15 minutes. The academic detailers are available to meet at your place of work before, during, or after regular office hours, and can initially present to larger groups, if requested. ADH encourages all providers to utilize this free educational opportunity to help continue to improve patient care in the state. The Academic Detailing team has already begun reaching out to clinics across the state, but if you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out directly to Amanda Lunsford at lunsfordamandak@uams.edu or 501-526-8326.

Become a Buprenorphine Waivered Practitioner

Qualified practitioners can offer buprenorphine, a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), for the treatment of opioid use disorders (OUD). The Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) and the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities or SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act of 2018 (SUPPORT Act) expands the use of medication-assisted treatment using buprenorphine to additional practitioners in various settings. To receive a waiver to practice opioid dependency treatment with approved buprenorphine medications, a practitioner must notify the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ([SAMHSA](#)) of their intent to practice this form of medication assisted treatment.

Resources

- [Poison Control](#) AVAILABLE 24 HOURS EVERYDAY
- 1-800-222-1222
- [AR-IMPACT](#) Free online CE opportunity for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists via learning on demand.
- [CDC Guidelines](#)
- [AR Drug Takeback](#)
- [Become a Buprenorphine Waivered Practitioner](#)