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Online Guide to Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Resources Offers Help to U.S. Communities and Individuals

Rockville, MD (September 15, 2014) The National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE) has launched [*Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention: Resources for Community Action*](#) to help combat the recent surge of prescription drug abuse and overdose affecting communities across the country now described by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an epidemic with wide-ranging and dire public health consequences.

According to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the most commonly abused prescription drugs are pain medications, sleeping pills, anti-anxiety medications, and stimulants used to treat attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders.

This online guide organizes resources into **four categories: prescription drug abuse awareness, prevention, treatment, and recovery**, and provides links to information appropriate for individuals, health care professionals, and communities in need. A directory to leading advocacy/nonprofit organizations and federal agencies with current science-based resources on drug abuse and addiction also are included in the online guide.

“Across the country, at the state, county, and local levels, communities are working to develop effective prescription drug abuse prevention programs. This Online Resource Guide is intended to support those efforts, making it easier to identify programs and services to support prevention, referral for treatment and recovery-oriented systems of care,” noted Ray Bullman, NCPIE’s Executive Vice President.

Individuals and communities seeking easy-to-understand and actionable information about prescription drug abuse prevention will find it in NCPIE’s new online guide.

Health care providers, educators, law enforcement, and local communities across the country are working together to help curb diversion and abuse of prescription medications, while making sure these medications remain available for appropriate medical use. [*Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention: Resources for Community Action*](#) is a valuable tool for this effort.

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About NCPIE

Established in 1982, the National Council on Patient Information and Education is a diverse non-profit coalition that works to stimulate and improve the communication of information about the appropriate use of prescription and OTC medicines. NCPIE's members include consumer organizations: patient advocacy groups; voluntary health agencies; health professional associations, schools of pharmacy, health-related trade associations; prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceutical manufacturers; and local, state and federal government agencies. More information about NCPIE is available through its Web site: www.talkaboutrx.org