

## **Joint Statement regarding Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines from the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the Oregon Medical Board**

Healthcare providers face a difficult balancing act of practice, patient satisfaction and regulatory requirements. At the same time, there is a critical need to reduce opioid-related addiction, hospitalization and death in Oregon, and prescribers are in a position to positively impact these issues.

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) and the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) have jointly endorsed the *Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines: Recommendations for Safe Use of Opioid Medications*. Both organizations were actively involved in the formulation of the guidelines. These recommendations provide additional clarity to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and address Oregon-specific issues.

The OSBN and OMB continue to be involved in the implementation of the guidelines, including providing information and resources to licensees. Both organizations are hopeful that adoption of the guidelines by providers will improve the safe treatment of pain in Oregon.



*The mission of the Oregon State Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public's health and well-being by providing guidance for, and regulation of, entry into the profession, nursing education and continuing safe practice.*



*The mission of the Oregon Medical Board is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregon citizens by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care.*