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Safe Opioid Prescribing in the Emergency Department: Challenges and Opportunities

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In the face of a global opioid crisis, Emergency physicians are in a unique situation with regards to balancing the needs of individual patients for compassionate adequate pain control, and the global burden of opioid misuse. This session will highlight recent research into Emergency Department opioid prescribing patterns, and the potential barriers and facilitators for safe prescribing.

Biography:

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