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# “Dealing with Government Scrutiny of Pain Management by Primary Care Physicians”

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**NEEDS ASSESSMENT:** Physicians are often reluctant to prescribe pain medications due to government scrutiny. Physicians today are unfortunately being sued when they under-treat pain, but also for over-treating pain. Many physicians also come under scrutiny for prescribing medications to patients who ultimately divert their medications. Balancing these various factors is extraordinarily difficult and will be the subject of this presentation.

**AUDIENCE:** This course is appropriate for primary care physicians, rheumatologists, neurologists, geriatricians, and other health care providers who care for chronic pain patients.

**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:** At the completion of this session, participants should be able to:

1. Identify the areas of pain management most subject to government scrutiny.
2. Name the agencies that have the most interest in the area and how they target physicians.
3. Describe risk management strategies to minimize the likelihood of being targeted.

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