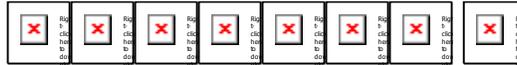


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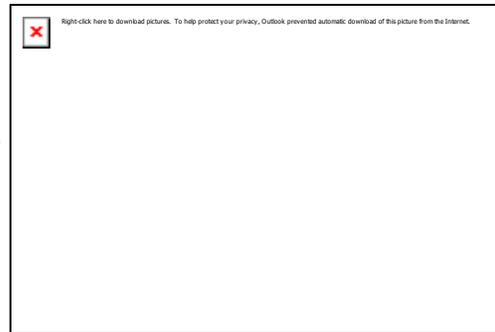


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If you are not already registered, please join WCRI authors, Ms. Dongchun Wang and Dr. Vennela Thumula, for a free, one-hour webinar on **Thursday, October 20, 2016, at 2 p.m. ET (1 p.m. CT, 12 noon MT, and 11 a.m. PT)** as they discuss findings from the following recently published WCRI studies and take your questions:

- [Interstate Variations in Use of Opioids, 3rd Edition](#): The study examined interstate variations and trends in the use of opioids and prescribing patterns of pain medications in the workers' compensation system across 25 states.
- [Longer-Term Use of Opioids 3rd Edition](#): The study examined the prevalence of longer-term use of opioids among injured workers in 25 states and how often the services recommended by medical treatment guidelines were used for monitoring and managing chronic opioid therapy.



"The use of opioids for pain management has come under scrutiny in the United States and within workers' compensation. WCRI's research on opioid prescribing provides information on interstate variations and trends in the use of opioids for workplace injuries," said Dr. John Ruser, president and CEO of WCRI.

Questions addressed:

- How often were opioids used in the workers' compensation system? Which states had higher or lower opioid use?
- Which states had significant changes in opioid use?
- How prevalent was the longer-term use of opioids?
- How often were drug testing and other guideline-recommended services used among injured workers with longer-term use of opioids?

Both studies cover the following 25 states: Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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