



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



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Dear Marin County Pharmacist,

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The nation is facing an epidemic of opioid misuse and overdose, and Marin County has been deeply affected. As Public Health Officer and member of this community, I know we share the same goals to protect the health of all in Marin.

I'm writing to invite you to join our local response to this emerging public health crisis. I'd like to request your participation in two opioid safety initiatives for Marin pharmacists.

- ✚ Join us at an upcoming CEU training on 11/4/17 – 3 CEUs:
New Tools for Pharmacists to Combat the Opioid Epidemic – register at <https://rxsafemarinpharmaciststraining.eventbrite.com/>

Marin Department of Health and Human Services, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), San Francisco Marin Medical Society, and RxSafe Marin are hosting a free training for pharmacists in preventing drug diversion, and furnishing naloxone. This training will cover new tools and resources available to pharmacists to save lives by controlling diversion and helping reverse overdoses. The training will be held on Saturday 11/4/17 from 9am-12noon. 3 CEU credits will be offered. See attached flyer.

- ✚ Please complete a short survey.

In order to best serve you in our ongoing response to the opioid epidemic we would like to hear from you directly. Marin County HHS has developed a five minute survey for pharmacists, so your voice is included as we develop local strategies. The survey is included [here](#) and can be mailed back, or can be completed electronically at www.RxSafeMarin.org.

Pharmacists, as trusted sources of medication, have a unique role in ensuring that prescription drugs are healing more than harming our residents. This is consistent with pharmacies' growing role as hubs of health and wellbeing within the communities they serve.

Please don't hesitate to reach out directly to my office with any questions or suggestions - on this or any other matter of public health concern. Thank you for the excellent care you offer our residents, and for joining the response to the opioid epidemic.

Yours in health,

Matt Willis