

## Free Web-Based Training: Understanding the Dangers of Opioid Use in Older Adults and Beyond

According to the National Institute of Health, rates of problematic opioid use are increasing in the older adult population. Problematic opioid use rates will continue to rise over the next decade because of increased number of comorbid conditions conferring greater and specific risks and treatment considerations. Although problematic opioid use is a common occurrence, it is also overlooked and undertreated.

Comagine Health is working to do its part in combatting the epidemic by welcoming Dr. Melissa Cheng, clinical medical director at Comagine Health and subject matter expert, to present this learning session that will shed light on:

- Demographics of older adults in the U.S.
- Opioid use and the risks involved
- How to identify an opioid use disorder
- Treatment and barriers to care
- Screening for opioid use disorder with the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Tool

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**Date: Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, 12 – 1 p.m. PT**

### Who May Participate:

Primary care providers, nurses, medical students, educators and anyone interested in the topic is welcome to attend.

### Presenter: Dr. Melissa Cheng

Dr. Melissa Cheng is board certified in addiction medicine and occupational medicine. She is one of the clinical medical directors at Comagine Health and focuses on improving access and quality treatment for substance use disorders. She also works to improve education and awareness about addiction for health professionals and in the community.

Dr. Cheng is also an associate professor at the University of Utah where she has an active practice in addiction medicine and teaches addiction studies to medical students, nursing students, physician assistant students and medical residents.



For any questions regarding the session, please contact Edy Taylor at [etaylor@comagine.org](mailto:etaylor@comagine.org).