Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: A Control Drug Misuse Symposium for Health Professions Students
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Introduction
Lincoln Memorial University- DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) was established in August 2007 in Harrogate, Tennessee. DCOM’s mission is centered on the premise that the cornerstone of meaningful existence is service to humanity. A control drug misuse symposium was provided to health professions students soon entering clinical training and residency where they would encounter patients exhibiting drug seeking behavior and addiction.

Opioid Stats (TN)

Outcomes
• Introduce students to widespread the control drug misuse problem in local/national regions
• Recognize misuse in patients and self
• Recognize substance use disorders as a chronic disease
• Identify best practices for preventing control drug misuse and non-prescription drug treatment options.

Methods
Pre-read material

Guest Speakers
• John Temple, Author American Pain (Keynote Address)
• Living with Addiction-Patient Testimonials/Dr. Richard Gillespie
• Disease of Addiction- Kenneth Trzil, MD
• Interprofessional perspectives
• NP, PA, DO speakers

Results
Students Define Substance Abuse

Conclusion
Learning outcomes and students feedback from this event were overwhelmingly positive. The second annual Opioid Symposium took place on April 1, 2019.

Pre/Post Survey Administered

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<td>Student Knowledge of Someone Struggling with Addiction</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td>Widespread control drug misuse locally: +27.98%</td>
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<td>Widespread control drug misuse nationally: +20.55%</td>
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<td>Recognizing misuse in yourself: +20.28%</td>
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<td>Recognizing misuse in patients: +29.65%</td>
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<td>Substance abuse is a chronic disease: +8.28%</td>
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<td>94%</td>
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<td>OMT can be an effective functional adjunct to medication in the treatment of chronic pain: +9.02%</td>
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