The Opioid Epidemic: Where Are We, How Did We Get Here, and Where Are We Going?

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As with most epidemics, the current wave of opioid overdoses and deaths was upon us before most of the general population ever realized it was a problem. With the passage and signing of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016, Congress and the President have acknowledged a problem which has been well known to addicts and specialists in addiction for decades. Drug addiction, and specifically addiction to prescription opioids, has been on the rise. As recent legislation makes prescription opioids more regulated, many opioid dependent patients have found themselves cut off from their supply of pills, forcing them to turn to the street to manage their addiction. In this Grand Rounds, we will discuss the current state of opioid addiction facing America, the factors that helped get us to this point, current treatment options, and whether or not there is any light at the end of the tunnel.

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Helen Wood Hall Auditorium
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Assorted wraps will be available while supplies last. Bring your own beverage.

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