The College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) pledges support for the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM) Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic and its goal of expanding interdisciplinary and cross-sector networks dedicated to reversing national trends in opioid misuse and overdose.

CPNP is a professional association of over 1500 advanced practice clinical pharmacists who specialize in the treatment of individuals living with psychiatric, neurologic, and substance use disorders. Psychiatric pharmacists prescribe or recommend appropriate medications as allowed by state law and practice site, manage medications, evaluate responses and modify treatments, resolve drug interactions or adverse reactions, and provide medication education.

Psychiatric pharmacists are advanced practice clinical pharmacists committed to being part of an interdisciplinary team treating substance use disorders most often in combination with serious mental illness. Co-occurring substance abuse problems and mental health issues are common with roughly 50 percent of individuals living with comorbid severe mental illness and substance use disorders.

## CPN These include:

1. Numerous disease state specific treatment toolkits and webinars including a useful guide on <u>opioid use disorder:</u> medication man