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NAME OF COURSE: MDI CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG
MONITORING PROGRAMS

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MDI Considerations for Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

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Also, medical examiners'/coroners' (ME/C's) use of PDMPs may itself be an area of new research. For example, how much time does an ME/C save during an investigation by using PDMP data? Can tools specific to the ME/C community be developed by PDMPs? Does tracking ME/C's use of the PDMPs provide any insight or value to understanding the substance use epidemic? The answers to these questions could provide valuable information to the MDI community and other stakeholders.

Detailed Learning Objectives:

Attendees will be able to:

- 1.) Identify how ME/Cs use PDMP data for a medicolegal death investigation.
- 2.) Understand how ME/Cs access PDMPs, how access of PDMPs is tracked in state databases, and what methods exist for quantifying measures of use.
- 3.) Gain awareness of new opportunities and barriers for research on ME/C's use of PDMPs.

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