



## **Greetings,**

The Division of Public Health within the **Wyoming Department of Health** (WDOH) contracted with [Comagine Health](#) to conduct a needs assessment to inform opioid-related prescriber trainings in Wyoming.

## **Why you're being contacted:**

If you provide pain management treatment or prescribe opioids, you are invited to participate in a **focus group on Thursday, January 30 from 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. MT.**

## **Why we're asking you to participate:**

This focus group is part of a larger needs assessment to determine the best content and mode to deliver opioid-related trainings to prescribers in Wyoming. The purpose of this particular focus group is to shed light on prescribers' barriers and capacity to implement the [2022 CDC Clinical Practice Guidelines](#) and related training needs. Specifically, topics we will discuss in the focus group will include:

- Familiarity with the prescribing guidelines
- Processes, practices, and capacity to screen, diagnose, refer, and care for patients with substance use disorders, including opioid and stimulant use disorders
- Barriers to providing evidence-based pain treatments, including referring patients to non-medication treatments
- Expertise in and confidence to provide equitable care to patients with opioid and stimulant use disorders
- Barriers and facilitators to attending to patients' health inequities and providing trauma informed care
- Preferred way(s) to receive opioid-related training, including mode and length
- Other preferences for aspects of opioid-related training that would make participating more accessible
- Suggestions of what the state could do to support prescribers in reducing the populations' exposure to opioids and preventing opioid use disorders
- Desired information from or about patients that would better support prescribers' adherence to best practice guidelines

## **What you can expect if you participate:**

This focus group will include around eight prescribers and will last up to 90 minutes. If you would like to participate, please click on the [link here](#) or below. We will select participants who register based on the answers provided, to encourage group diversity.

<https://comaginehealth.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkduCqgDwiEtcNlwWpNwwQeUVqsgZc-b3k>



Prior to your participation, you will be given more information about the focus group, how we will use and protect your information, and what to expect during the focus group. All participants will receive a **\$75 gift card**.

### **Who will see your responses:**

Your **individual responses will not be shared** with anyone outside of the Comagine Health Research and Evaluation Team. Though you will be sharing your perspective in a virtual room with other prescribers, participants will be instructed not to use others' names in the discussion or later discuss information they have heard in the focus group. No one from WDOH will be made aware of how you answered questions. We may use quotes from this focus group to demonstrate themes that arise, but we will not report who said them. Your responses will be reported in aggregate. We will try our best to report the information in a way that does not identify you; however, due to your unique role, complete **anonymity cannot be guaranteed**.

### **What you can do to opt out:**

Participating in this focus group is **voluntary**. You do not have to participate if you do not want to or do not have the capacity to. If you register for the focus group and change your mind, please either change your registration or notify me via email so that I can remove you from the list and open registration to others who may be able to participate.

### **How you can reach me with questions:**

If you have any questions about this focus group or needs assessment, please feel free to contact me, Stephanie Pustejovsky, senior research associate at Comagine Health, at [spustejovsky@comagine.org](mailto:spustejovsky@comagine.org).

**I appreciate you taking the time to consider my request.**

All my best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Pustejovsky".

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