

# Descending the analgesic ladder

A landmark forum on opioid deprescribing for chronic pain

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Taronga Zoo Sydney, Australia

International speakers include:

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# **About**

Current guidelines recommend de-prescribing opioids for patients with chronic pain, however de-prescribing opioids in this population is challenging and a source of confusion for clinicians and patients alike. This landmark forum brings together local and international experts to address the complex challenges of deprescribing opioid medications.

# Registration

Early bird AUD\$295 (until July 31) Regular AUD\$375 (both incl. GST)

Registration includes coffee, morning and afternoon tea, lunch, and a social hour with drinks and canapes.

### **Details**

09.00 – 18.00 November 29, 2019 Taronga Zoo Sydney, Australia

## Topic areas include:

- The opioid crisis: How did we get here?
- Distinguishing patients with opioid use disorder from other patients who use opioids
- Alternatives to opioid therapy for pain
- Patients' perspectives:
   Barriers and facilitators to opioid tapering
- Safe and effective opioid tapering strategies
- Responding to the opioid crisis with behavioural insights
- e-health interventions for behaviour change
- Communication strategies for empowering taper conversations

### Learn how to:

- Communicate the risks of opioid use for chronic pain and the benefits of tapering
- Assess patients' appropriateness for opioid tapering and pain self-management
- Explain pain selfmanagement to patients
- Develop a safe, patientcentred schedule for opioid tapering
- Individualised support for patients attempting opioid tapering



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