



## **The American Podiatric Medical Association's Commitment Statement for the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Countering the US Opioid Epidemic**

We, as members of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), hereby resolve to join the National Academy of Medicine in support of countering the US opioid epidemic. As the largest organization of foot and ankle physicians and surgeons in the country, APMA is deeply committed to educating its members on opioid use and abuse prevention to ensure the health and safety of the public.

APMA advances and advocates for the specialty of podiatric medicine and surgery for the benefit of its members and the health of the public. Through our strategic goal to educate members, consumers, and the health-care community, APMA is committed to providing our members with up-to-date information regarding substance use disorder, opioid misuse and abuse, and the patient-centered approach to acute and chronic pain management.

APMA provides education, references, and resources to our members on a variety of topics designed to counter the opioid epidemic, and we support the voluntary use of state-based prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMP) when clinically appropriate. APMA recognizes the importance of collaboration regarding opioid education and training and is dedicated to providing evidence-based materials to our members so patients can benefit from effective, patient-centered care.