Intervention to Increase Naloxone Engagement & Distribution in Community Pharmacies

Goal
Reduce opioid-related harms, including overdose risk, by improving access to and education for naloxone, syringes, and buprenorphine while reducing stigma in community pharmacy settings.

Overview
- The RESPOND TO PREVENT intervention was provided to pharmacists, pharmacy managers and pharmacy technicians working in (176) community pharmacies.
- Participating pharmacies were located in rural and urban areas of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oregon and Washington with reported high overdose rates.
- The intervention assisted with improving access to harm reduction services such as naloxone, non-prescription syringes and buprenorphine.
- All pharmacies were supplied with pharmacy and patient-focused materials to host on-site and integrate into their daily workflows.
- The intervention provided resources that included readiness assessment, academic detailing, online training modules and secret shopping which facilitated feedback loops for enhancing interactions with patients.

"The [RESPOND TO PREVENT] modules were really informative. I liked the speed and the layout of how it was presented. I used to think the pharmacist role was to sell syringes and fill Rxs but this opened my perspective on how much information we can give patients to seek help."
Massachusetts Pharmacist

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RESPOND TO PREVENT is an intervention dedicated to expanding harm reduction services in community pharmacies

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