Executive Overview

The North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians has partnered with Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) and Project Lazarus in the development and implementation of a chronic pain initiative. This initiative addresses the epidemic and exponential increase of accidental narcotic overdose deaths not only in North Carolina, but also across the United States. While the Project Lazarus is initially targeting Medicaid Access II patients, the recommended tools and strategies are useful for any patient with chronic pain issues. Its goals are to:

- Reduce opioid-related overdoses
- Optimize treatment of chronic pain
- Manage substance abuse issues associated with opioids

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