

## FDA: Draft guidance issued on abusedeterrent opioids

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The document entitled "Guidance for Industry: Abuse-Deterrent Opioids—Evaluation and Labeling," details the FDA's current thinking about the studies that should be done to demonstrate abuse-deterrent properties in a given formulation, how those studies will be evaluated by the FDA, and what labeling claims may be approved based on the study results.

This draft guidance fulfills mandates under the Food and Drug



<u>Administration</u> Safety and Innovation Act and the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Prescription <u>Drug Abuse Prevention</u> Plan, according to information from the FDA.

"The FDA is extremely concerned about the inappropriate use of prescription opioids, which is a major public health challenge for our nation," FDA Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., said in a statement. "This draft guidance is an important part of a larger effort by [the] FDA aimed at preventing prescription drug abuse and misuse."

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