

# AAFP joins coalition to prevent misuse of ADHD meds

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(HealthDay)—The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has joined the Coalition to Prevent ADHD Medication Misuse (CPAMM), which launched Aug. 28.

The coalition plans to focus its efforts on college students initially but might eventually expand that focus. The other members of the coalition are Children and Adults with ADHD, the Jed Foundation, NASPA (formerly the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators), and the BACCHUS Initiatives of NASPA and Shire. Student advisers have also been enlisted to develop strategy and marketing.

In an effort to create educational campaigns to prevent nonmedical use of ADHD drugs, the coalition will examine [college students'](#) attitudes

and perceptions about ADHD prescription misuse, abuse, and diversion. The AAFP National Research Network (NRN) is working to explore the role of primary care practitioners and practices in patient education, patient-provider communication, and prevention of misuse. Throughout 2015, CPAMM will survey medical professionals to identify strategies to help reduce ADHD medication misuse, abuse, and diversion. The coalition will examine how the college environment affects this issue.

"As a member of CPAMM, the AAFP is spearheading research to characterize current approaches to prevention of misuse in primary care of ADHD medications in teens and young adults that can guide identification of potentially impactful primary-care based strategies that reduce ADHD medication misuse, abuse and diversion and that reinforce appropriate ADHD medication use," Julie Wood, M.D., AAFP's Vice President for Health of the Public and Interprofessional Activities, said in a statement.

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