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Press Release

Richard Jorgensen MD, DuPage County Coroner, addresses the opioid epidemic at National Summit on Acute Pain Management in Washington DC

DuPage County Coroner Richard Jorgensen MD spoke at the National Summit on Acute Pain Management on October 24th. This conference was focused on the medical profession. Presenters were subject experts on the opioid epidemic. Dr. Jorgensen presented the important work that the HOPE Task Force, DuPage County Officials and the Coroner's office are doing to address the opioid epidemic.

The National Summit on Acute Pain Management met in Washington DC on October 24. Experts from around the country presented their experiences with this epidemic and their work in trying to address the issue of opioid prescribing. Medical practitioners have the real-life difficulty of adequately treating pain in patients while understanding the addictive nature of pain medicines. The prescribing practices of practitioners is changing due to research and education such as that presented at this meeting.

"I am honored to participate in such an important conference addressing the opioid epidemic crisis in America and the role that physicians play in prescribing opioid pain medicines. It is critical that we are able to adequately treat patients who are having pain while at the same time identifying those who have addiction problems and direct the latter to proper pain relief and rehabilitation services."

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