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Title: *Development and Implementation of a Drugs of Abuse Training Modules for the Scouts of America*

#### Abstract

**Introduction:** Prescription and over-the-counter misuse and abuse is an issue in the adolescent population that can have negative physiological, psychological, and social consequences. Many resources are available to help educate the youth on the dangers of substance abuse, however they may not be effective. The goals of this project are to educate the youth on the dangers of misuse and abuse of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications, and to heighten parents and community awareness in this growing problem and provide supporting tools for message continuum.

**Methods:** Collaborating with the Scouts of America, a substance abuse awareness patch program was developed and implemented. An online program was developed and implemented tackling the issue of substance abuse and misuse. Five online interactive training modules were created for the scouts of America to complete and follow along with their worksheet that incorporates various concepts of substance abuse. Live sessions were created for scouts to participate in with their troop consisting of interactive discussion and activities. A handbook was created for Troop Leaders with the necessary materials to allow them to offer this patch to their troops. The program was then implemented with a local pilot troop.

**Results:** As of March 30, 2020, the number of online users that completed the online modules, the number of patches earned, and program promotion efforts are pending. Feedback on the live, interactive activities reveal the thoughts and opinions of the local pilot troop.

**Conclusion:** We believe this program has the potential to positively impact the community by educating students, parents, and the community about the dangers of substance abuse. In addition, this program can be used for any pharmacist or pharmacy in the community.

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