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Dr. Lynn R. Webster is one of the nation's leading researchers and experts in the field of prescription drug abuse and overdose deaths. He advocates that all pain therapy be accessible to patients and is safely prescribed by medical professionals, and that patients safely use medications. Dr. Webster has led the country in trying to help physicians safely treat pain patients, and is actively working within the industry to develop safer and more effective therapies for chronic pain and addiction. He is also a leading researcher in exploring the relationship of medications and sleep, with particular interest in analgesic-induced sleep-disordered breathing. Dr. Webster is board certified in anesthesiology and pain medicine and is also certified in addiction medicine. He earned his doctorate of medicine from the University of Nebraska and completed his residency in the University of Utah's Department of Anesthesiology. He co-founded LifeSource, a non-profit foundation established in 2006 to provide education about pain-related issues, as well as fund and conduct research. LifeSource's first project, "Zero Unintentional Deaths," was developed to educate physicians, chronic pain sufferers and all communities about unintentional overdose deaths related to methadone and other prescription medications. He has been seen on ABC's "20/20" and Court TV's "Catherine Crier Live" addressing this issue. Dr. Webster is also the chairman of the American Pain Foundation's PainSAFE, a two-pronged program for consumers and health care professionals to educate and empower them about their responsibility in the safe use of treatments to minimize risk and improve access to quality pain care. Dr. Webster lectures extensively on the subject of preventing opioid abuse and criminal diversion in chronic pain patients. He has authored over 100 scientific abstracts, journal articles and the recently published book entitled *Avoiding Opioid Abuse While Managing Pain: A Guide for Practitioners*. This book was written for clinicians as a guide to sort out the clinical, regulatory and ethical issues associated with the prescribing of opioid analgesics. It includes step-by-step protocols for assessing patients for the risk of opioid abuse, as well as for legally protecting the opioid prescriber. Dr. Webster is co-editor of *Pain Medicine's* section on opioids, substance abuse, and addiction, and serves as a reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Webster is also co-founder and chief medical director of Lifetree Clinical Research® and is an officer for the American Academy of Pain Medicine where he currently sits on the board of directors. He was also instrumental in launching the Utah chapter of this professional organization. This academy seeks to achieve high medical standards, improve access to pain care and educate all interested parties about the many pain-related scientific and social issues.