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FSMB Workgroups Prepare for Future of Medical Regulation

New "FSMB Spotlight" video highlights efforts of FSMB Workgroups

Washington, D.C. (March 1, 2017) –The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) has released the latest episode of its "[FSMB Spotlight](#)" series which features interviews with health care leaders about issues impacting state medical boards as they carry out their mission of protecting the public.

In this episode, FSMB President and CEO Humayun Chaudhry, DO, MACP sits down with J. Daniel Gifford, MD, FACP to discuss the efforts of FSMB Workgroups to study and develop recommendations and guidelines on issues such as the appropriate use of [telemedicine technologies](#), the use of [marijuana in patient care](#), and the forthcoming updated model policy on the use of [opioids in the treatment of chronic pain](#).

"The field of medicine is constantly changing," said Dr. Gifford, Immediate Past Chair of the FSMB Board of Directors. "Medicine will continue to change, but these workgroups have laid a good foundation so that we are better equipped to handle problems as we face them in the future."

As Chairman of the FSMB Workgroup tasked with updating the model policy on the use of opioids in the treatment of chronic pain, Dr. Gifford also discusses the progress being made on a final draft of the policy. Once finalized, the policy will be slated for a vote of approval by the FSMB House of Delegates at FSMB's Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas in April of this year.

To watch the full "FSMB Spotlight" interview with Dr. Gifford, please click [here](#) or on the image below.



About the Federation of State Medical Boards

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. The FSMB serves as the voice for state medical boards, supporting them through education, assessment, research and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality health care and regulatory best practices. To learn more about FSMB, visit www.fsmb.org. You can also follow FSMB on Twitter ([@theFSMB](https://twitter.com/theFSMB)).

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