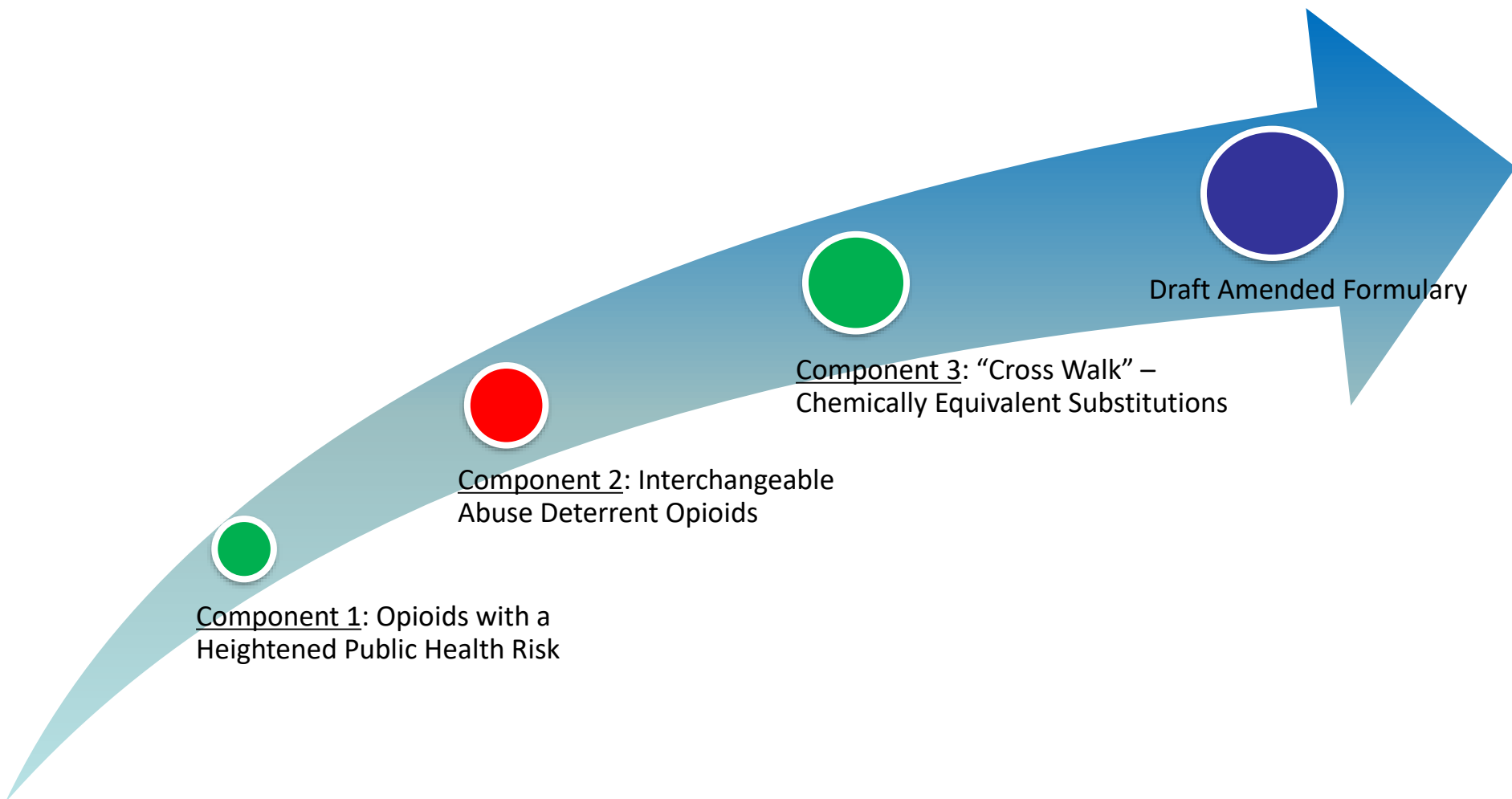


Drug Formulary Commission

**Bureau of Health Professions Licensure
Department of Public Health
October 19, 2017**

- Review of August 17th meeting
- Draft Formulary Regulations
 - 105 CMR 720: Drug Formulary Commission
(FKA: List of Interchangeable Drug Products)*
 - Schedule
 - Guidance
- Prescriber Education
- Next Steps

Formulary Review and Evaluation



Component 1: Opioids with a Heightened Public Health Risk

Component 2: Interchangeable Abuse Deterrent Opioids

Component 3: “Cross Walk” – Chemically Equivalent Substitutions

Draft Amended Formulary

Promulgation of Regulation and Formulary

History

- Proposed 105 CMR 720, *List of Interchangeable Drug Products*, including draft formulary, as redrafted, to the Public Health Council (PHC) (11/9/2016)
- Public hearing held on proposed changes to regulation (1/19/2017)
- DPH staff reviewed comments and further amended, including the addition of several new DFC approved IADs.
- Public hearing held on proposed changes to regulation (7/7/2017)
- PHC promulgated 105 CMR 720, *Drug Formulary Commission (f.k.a. List of Interchangeable Drug Products)*, including draft formulary (8/9/2017)

Next Steps

- Issue guidance, including special substitution considerations, and the requirements and process of substitution.
- Review by Secretary of State → Regulation becomes effective (≈Nov. or Dec.).
- Conduct prescriber education on abuse deterrent substitutes.

Formulary Guidance Background

- This draft formulary is a tool for prescribers when continuing and initiating the treatment of pain.
- Guidance will be issued approximately one month prior to the regulation, including the draft formulary, becoming effective.
- “No Substitution”
- The following items on a Schedule II prescription may not be changed by a pharmacist, pursuant to applicable DEA rules:
 - Name of Patient
 - Name of the Drug
 - Name of the Prescriber
 - Date of the Prescription
- Prescriber unavailable

GOAL: Develop a plan to create, or leverage existing, programs for prescriber education.

- With content and curriculum that is:
 - Informative
 - Simple
 - Relevant
- Using methods and media that are:
 - Convenient
 - Brief
 - Inclusive
 - Engaging

- The opioid crisis
- Know your patient
- IAD short list
- Dispensing considerations
 - The new meaning of “No Substitution”
- Coverage and payment

- Too important to ignore
- Capture everyone or just the right ones
- Mandates and exceptions
- Appropriate length
- Entertaining to prevent boredom
- Possibilities
 - CME
 - Webinar (recorded or live)
 - Regional Lecture Opportunities (aka “DFC Roadshow”)
 - Material Distribution

Prescriber Education: Freestyle

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Tentative 3rd Thursday Schedule

- November 16, 2017
- December 21, 2017
- January 18, 2018
- February 15, 2018
- March 15, 2018
- April 19, 2018 (school vacation)

- Meeting Recap
- Next Steps
- Next Meeting – November 16, 2017
 - 2:00PM to 5:00PM
 - @ 250 Washington Street (Boston, MA)