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It's flu season



Do you know about SIRVA — Shoulder pain after vaccine injection?

Turns out the problem is common.

SIRVA is thought to be the result of the incorrect placement of the vaccine into the [shoulder joint](#) or the shoulder bursa, rather than into the deltoid muscle tissue. When the vaccine is injected into the synovial tissue of the joint or bursa, an immune response may occur causing severe inflammation. Typical symptoms of SIRVA include:

- Significant chronic [shoulder pain](#) after a vaccination, sometimes requiring surgery to correct the problem
- No prior problems with the shoulder
- Limited mobility of the shoulder joint

To learn more about SIRVA, read the following article:

<https://www.verywellhealth.com/shoulder-pain-after-vaccine-injection-sirva-2549798>

If you have treated patients with shoulder pain following a vaccine injection, complete this short survey to tell us about your experience.

Thanks for your feedback.

Have you treated patients with SIRVA? (1 of 3)

- [YES](#)
- [NO](#)

State occupational and physical therapy telehealth laws and regulations: A 50-state survey



International Journal of Telerehabilitation

Telehealth is defined as “the use of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support and promote long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health and health administration” (Health Resources and Services Administration [HRSA], 2018). Its use is becoming increasingly common by healthcare professionals, including allied healthcare specialties such as occupational and physical therapy. As growth has occurred, many state regulatory agencies have begun to adopt telehealth practice standards. [READ MORE](#)

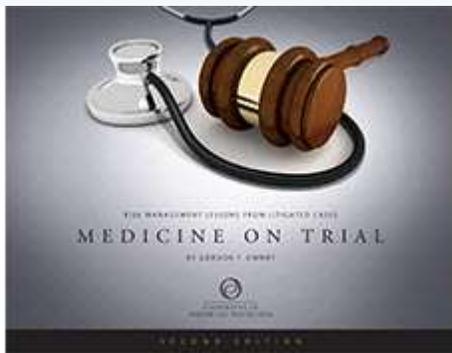
Doctors call California's probe of opioid deaths a 'witch hunt'



California Healthline

The Medical Board of California has launched investigations into doctors who prescribed opioids to patients who, perhaps months or years later, fatally overdosed. The effort, dubbed “the Death Certificate Project,” has sparked a conflict with physicians in California and beyond, in part because the doctors being investigated did not necessarily write the prescriptions leading to a death. The project is one of a kind nationally, although a much more limited program is operated by North Carolina’s board. [READ MORE](#)

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Walgreens-Microsoft alliance puts more pressure on hospitals



Health Leaders Media

News that Walgreens Boots Alliance has formed a strategic partnership with Microsoft is more bad news for hospitals that a drugstore chain with more than 9,500 U.S. locations is looking for even more ways to keep the patient inside the drugstore. Certainly, hospitals and health systems have their own information systems and partners like Cerner and Epic helping them with interoperability and communicating with other providers to make sure the care is being given in the right place, in the right amount, and at the right time. [READ MORE](#)

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