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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CME Outfitters to Provide Free Access to Upcoming Live DEA Webstream on Updates in Cocaine Research

Expert faculty to present latest evidence and insights on re-emerging threat of cocaine in America in this DEA Museum Lecture Series event, launching February 21, 2018.

**BETHESDA, Maryland (February 12, 2018)** – CME Outfitters (CMEO), a leading accredited provider in continuing medical education, is pleased to announce a unique continuing education opportunity highlighting the re-emergence of cocaine use in the United States. On Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 1:00 pm ET, an esteemed panel of some of the nation's leading addiction experts will gather for the second of four installments of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Museum Lecture Series. *A New Look at Some Old and Not So Old Drugs: A 2018 Update on Cocaine Research* will be broadcast via a free live CME Outfitters webstream and participants can collect CME/CE credit upon its conclusion.

It is no secret that the opioid crisis has taken the spotlight in the United States over the last decade, a plague that has affected countless lives across the country. While the shift in focus on the drug landscape has been warranted, the DEA's newly released 2017 National Drug Threat Assessment shows a troubling trend: cocaine use is on the rise once again. The drug that wreaked so much havoc during the 1980's and 90's is making a comeback, and the insights gained from this latest research can play key roles in preventing cocaine use from returning to a full-blown epidemic.

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Moderator Mark Gold, MD, Chairman of Scientific Advisory Boards at RiverMend Health, will be joined by Leah Bloomstein, DEA, Jean Lud Cadet, MD, and Thomas Kosten, MD for this panel discussion. In addition to translating the latest research and evidence from the DEA's 2017 report on cocaine, the experts on the panel will share ways clinicians can increase awareness of current cocaine use and deaths compared to the last epidemic, provide insights on recognizing the neurobiological underpinnings of cocaine use on the brain and the resulting damage that may occur, and identify the various potential treatments for cocaine overdose and addiction.

"Although the opioid epidemic is at the front-and-center of news headlines, cocaine is making a comeback that needs to be watched carefully too, and addressed," expressed Dr. Mark Gold.

With the surge in American cocaine use, it is imperative that clinicians are confident in their ability to recognize, assess and treat cocaine addiction and overdose in efforts to combat this issue. This webcast, which will premiere live from 1:00pm – 2:30pm ET on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, is now open for registration.

Those who wish to attend the live webstream can sign up for free at <http://bit.ly/DEACME>.

For a complete list of upcoming and available activities, visit [www.cmeoutfitters.com](http://www.cmeoutfitters.com).

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