



Safe Prescribing Initiative

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Prescription Opioids & Youth

What is an Opioid?



Opioids are a class of drugs with highly addictive properties used to treat severe pain.

Opioids include synthetic and non-synthetic forms, such as Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Morphine, Fentanyl, and Heroin.

! Deaths increased by 17% in 2020

“Chill, I was prescribed my Opioid”



Did you know that prescription opioids can be dangerous even when used as prescribed?

Some of the dangers include, but are not limited to:

- Sudden decrease in breathing
- Nausea and vomiting
- Addiction
- Drowsiness
- Death

The Brain Games



Addiction to a prescribed opioid can happen to anyone at any time!

Because opioids provide pain relief and euphoria, our brains rapidly learn that we are no longer experiencing pain and begin to crave it even when there is no pain.

A Little Relief Can Cost a Lot



When the brain feels good, it builds pathways to reinforce that feeling, which may be the start of an addiction.

These are some typical costs of addiction:

- Friends
- Dreams
- Family
- Lives

Be Informed & Seek Alternatives



We do not want anyone to be in pain, not today and not in the future either.

Become better informed, take control of your future and avoid the risk of addiction.

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