



**PRECISE
PRESCRIBING:**
APPLYING THE SCIENCE OF
PAIN TO TREATMENT
DECISIONS

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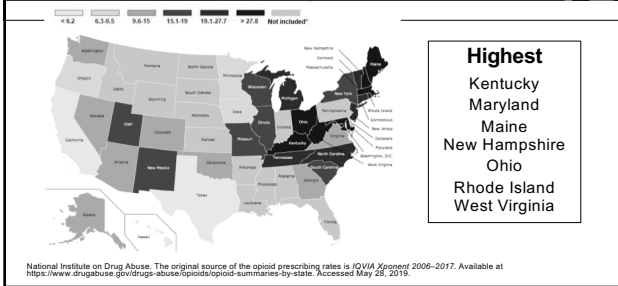
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Apply knowledge of acute and chronic pain pathways and underlying mechanisms to clinical assessment and appropriate management
- Upon evaluation of current clinical workflow for opioid prescribing, incorporate two best practice strategies to optimize safe and competent prescribing and minimize potential for abuse and diversion
- Educate patients about their pain to optimize safe and effective multimodal treatment plans

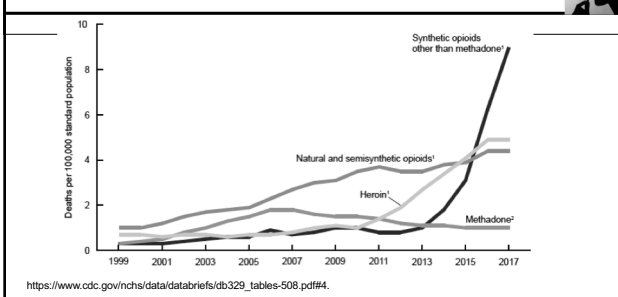
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2017 OPIOID-INVOLVED OVERDOSE DEATHS RATES 100,000 PEOPLE



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DEATHS BY OPIOID CATEGORY



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NHIS ESTIMATES OF CHRONIC PAIN AND HIGH IMPACT CHRONIC PAIN^{1,2}

- Chronic pain: 50 million people²
 - Pain most days or every day in past 6 months
- High impact chronic pain: 20 million people
 - Chronic pain limited life or work activities on most days or every day during past 6 months

NHIS = National Health Interview Survey
1. Nahin RL. *Journal of Pain*. 2015;16(8):769-780.; 2. Dahlhamer J, et al. *MMWR* 2018;67:1001-1006.

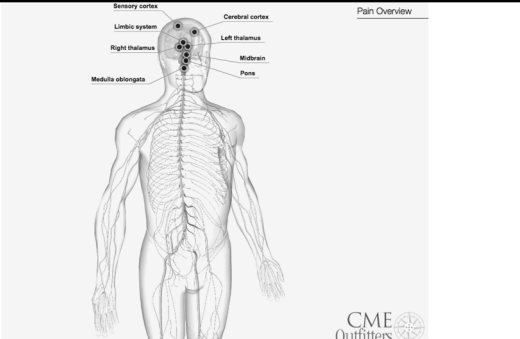
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PAIN 3-D ANIMATION



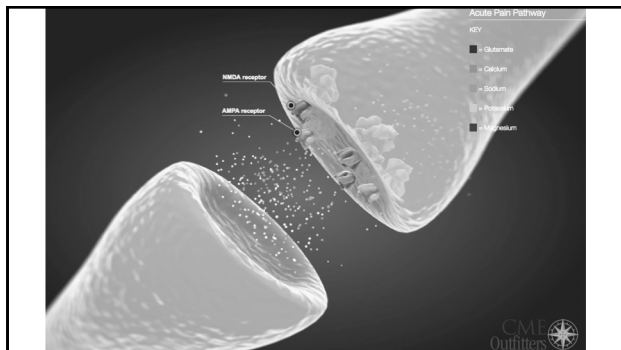
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Pain Overview

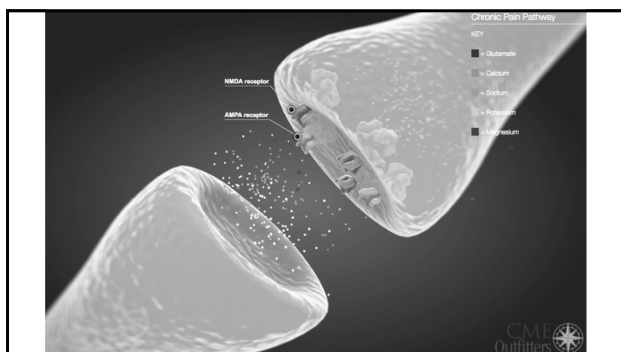


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PATIENT-CENTERED CONSIDERATIONS	
<p>“Pain”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Threat to the biological integrity of an individual 	<p>“Suffering”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A threat to that person that is affecting who they are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anxiety, depression ● Distress, hopelessness ● Change in function
<small>Fishbain D. et al. <i>Pain Medicine</i> 2015;6:1057-72.</small>	

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CHRONIC PAIN PRESENTATIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postherpetic neuralgia • Painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy • Lumbar or cervical radiculopathy • Stenosis 	Predominantly Neuropathic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumor-related neuropathy • Chemotherapy-induced neuropathy • Small fiber neuropathy • Persistent postoperative pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple sclerosis pain • Post-stroke pain • Pain associated with spinal cord injury
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Predominantly Nociceptive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osteoarthritis • Rheumatoid arthritis • Tendinitis, bursitis • Ankylosing spondylitis • Gout • Neck and back pain <u>with</u> structural pathology • Tumor-related nociceptive pain • Sickle-cell disease • Inflammatory bowel disease 		Predominantly Nociplastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fibromyalgia • Irritable bowel syndrome • Tension-type pain • Interstitial cystitis/pelvic pain syndrome • Tempo-mandibular joint disorder • Chronic fatigue syndrome • Restless leg syndrome • Neck and back pain <u>without</u> structural pathology
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Adapted from Stanos S, et al. Postgrad Med 2016;128(5):502-515.

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UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE (USPSTF)

- Recommendation that all adults be screened for illicit drug use, including nonmedical use of prescription drugs

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Available at <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/draft-evidence-review-screening/drug-use-in-adolescents-and-adults-including-pregnant-women-screening>. Accessed August 30, 2019.

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A RISK ASSESSMENT IS CRITICAL TO PROVIDING THE BEST POSSIBLE PATIENT-CENTERED OUTCOME WHILE MITIGATING UNNECESSARY OPIOID EXPOSURE

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force Report: Updates, Gaps, Inconsistencies, and Recommendations. Published May 9, 2019. Available at <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/oml-report-2019-06-23.pdf>. Accessed June 1, 2019.

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PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENT TOOLS

- 4 A's
 - Analgesia
 - Activities of daily living
 - Adverse effect
 - Aberrant behavior
- Opioid Risk Tool
- Tools such as GAD-7, PHQ-9 to assess anxiety and depression
- PEG: Pain, Enjoyment of life and General activity

Opioid Risk Tool

MARK EACH BOX THAT APPLIES:

	FEMALE	MALE
1. Family history of substance abuse		
Alcohol	↘ 1	↘ 3
Illegal drugs	↘ 2	↘ 3
Prescription drugs	↘ 4	↘ 4
2. Personal history of substance abuse		
Alcohol	↘ 3	↘ 3
Illegal drugs	↘ 4	↘ 4
Prescription drugs	↘ 5	↘ 5
3. Age (mark box if between 16 and 45 years)		
	↘ 1	↘ 1
4. History of preadolescent sexual abuse		
	↘ 3	↘ 0
5. Psychological disease		
ADD, OCD, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia	↘ 2	↘ 2
Depression	↘ 1	↘ 1

SCORING TOTALS:

ADMINISTRATION	SCORING
• On initial visit	• 0-3: low risk (6%)
• Prior to opioid therapy	• 4-7: moderate risk (28%)
	• ≥8: high risk (>30%)

1. Webster LR, Webster RM. *Pain Med* 2005;6:432-442.

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USE RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL¹

A study of 295 patients in an outpatient treatment setting for substance use disorders or depression, substance use was **4x higher among victims of emotional and sexual abuse** than those in the control group.²

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 2. Tucci AM, et al. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. 2010;34:95-104.

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PAIN MANAGEMENT TOOLS

Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use multimodal analgesia NSAIDs, acetaminophen, AEDs, gabapentanoids, immediate-release (IR) opioids • Prescribe lowest effective IR opioids for shortest period possible • Minimize use of ER opioids, Never first line therapy
Behavioral Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive behavioral therapy, acceptance, and mindfulness approaches • Relaxation training (biofeedback, deep breathing) and counseling • Pain education, motivational interviewing techniques
Physical Modalities and Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use appropriate immobilization, ice, and elevation • Physical and occupational therapy, exercise, and movement-based approaches • Interventional procedures, injections
Monitoring and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess pain regularly with short validated tools • Patient education

AED = anti-epileptic drug

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APPROPRIATE STEPS

- Discuss risks and benefits of use of controlled substances with the patient
- Secure documentation
- Periodically review treatment for efficacy and tolerability¹
- Re-evaluate the patient
 - Is pain controlled?
 - Are physical and psychological functioning improved?
 - Patient quality of life
- Adjust plan to optimize analgesia and function

1. Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc. Web site. Model policy for the use of controlled substances for the treatment of pain. <http://www.painpolicy.wisc.edu/domestic/model.htm>

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BEST PRACTICES FOR CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

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CDC GUIDELINE FOR PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS FOR CHRONIC PAIN

Determining need for opioids
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opioids are not first-line or routine therapy for chronic pain. • Establish and measure goals for pain and function. • Discuss benefits and risks of opioid therapy and availability of nonopioid therapies.
Opioid selection, dosage, and duration of therapy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use immediate-release opioids when starting. • Use caution at any dose. Reassess benefits and risk when dose reaches >50 mg MED and avoid increasing dose to > 90 mg MED without carefully justifying decision. • Long-term use begins with treatment of acute pain. 3 days or less often sufficient. • Follow-up and re-evaluate risk of harm; reduce dose or taper and discontinue if needed.
Assessing risk and addressing harm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate risk factors for opioid-related harms. • Check PDMP for high dosages and prescriptions from other providers. • Use urine drug testing to identify prescribed substances and undisclosed use. • Avoid concurrent benzodiazepine and opioid prescribing. • Arrange treatment for OUD if needed.

Dowell D, et al. *MMWR Recomm Rep* 2016;65(1):1-49.

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UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES: NO SHORTCUTS TO OPIOID PRESCRIBING

- Although not intended to be model legislation, 28 states have enacted legislation related to opioid prescription limits
- Has been used to override medical decisions
- Patients on high dose opioids discontinued or dismissed from care
- Universally stop prescribing opioids even when benefits outweigh risks

Dowell D, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019 Apr 24. doi: 10.1056/NEJMp1904190.

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EDUCATION IS CRITICAL TO THE DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE PATIENT-CENTERED PAIN CARE AND REDUCING THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS

Public Education Patient Education Provider Education Policymakers, Legislators, Regulators Education

+ Effective, patient-centered care
 + Optimize patient functional outcomes
 + Appropriate use of pain medication
 + Reduced risk through risk-benefit assessment

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HAVE AN EXIT STRATEGY

- Taper opioids appropriately and optimize non-opioid pain management and psychosocial support
 - Collaborate with the patient using motivational interviewing skills
- Patient-centered opioid taper
 - If no sustained improvement in pain and/or function
 - Patient side effects, frequent unscheduled requests, overdose, warning signs, concurrent benzodiazepines
 - Avoid abrupt discontinuation
 - Taper slowly, pause and adjust as needed
 - Decrease dose by 10%/week or by 25% at a time, in monthly steps
 - Assess and manage opioid withdrawal signs and symptoms

1. Kroenke K, et al. *Pain Med*. 2019 Jan 25. doi:10.1093/pm/pny307.2. www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prescribing/guideline.html.

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DO ALL SURGICAL PROCEDURES REQUIRE OPIOIDS?

- 1 in 16 surgical patients prescribed opioids becomes a long-term user¹
- 190 patients undergoing 6 procedures offered the opportunity to participate in opioid-sparing management²
- Advised to use acetaminophen and ibuprofen and given a small "rescue" opioid prescription for breakthrough pain
 - 52% used NO opioids after procedures
 - Patients report high level of satisfaction and pain control
 - 91% of patient agreed their pain was manageable
- Results demonstrate effectiveness and acceptability of reduction and/or elimination of opioids after discharge from minor surgery

1. Overton HN, et al. J Am Coll Surg. 2018;227(4):e111-418; 2. Hallway A, et al. J Am Coll Surg. 2019 Apr 26 S1072-7515(19)30295-9. doi: 10.1016/j.jamcollsurg.2019.04.020. [Epub ahead of print].

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ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA ASSOCIATION (OTA) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PAIN MEDICATION TAPER FOLLOWING MAJOR MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURY PROCEDURE		
	Opioid	Non-Opioid
Inpatient:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate pain: Oxycodone/APAP 5mg/325mg 1 tab po q4 hrs PRN • Severe pain: Oxycodone/APAP 5mg/325 mg 2 tabs po q8 hrs PRN • Hydromorphone 4mg IV q8 hrs PRN for severe breakthrough pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ketorolac 15mg IV q6 hrs x 5 doses followed by ibuprofen 600mg po q8 hrs • Gabapentin 400mg 1 tab po TID • Scheduled APAP 500mg po q12 hrs
Week 1 at discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxycodone/APAP 5mg/325 mg 1 tab po q4 hrs PRN. Dispense #42 (1 time Rx, no refills) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ibuprofen 600mg po q8 hrs x 7 days (Rx given) • Gabapentin 100mg 1 tab po TID x 7 days (Rx given) • Scheduled APAP 500mg po q12 hrs x 7 days (can increase as combined opioid analgesic decreases)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrocodone/APAP 5mg/325mg or tramadol 50mg (only if necessary, 3 Rx Max) • 1 tab po q4 hrs PRN Dispense #42 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSAIDs PRN as directed • Gabapentin if necessary (up to 1800 mg/day) • Scheduled APAP 500mg po q12 hrs (can increase as combined opioid analgesic decreases)
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tab po q8 hrs PRN Dispense #28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled APAP 1000mg po q12 hrs (can increase as combined opioid analgesic decreases)
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tab po q8 hrs PRN Dispense #21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled APAP 1000mg po q8 hrs (can increase as combined opioid analgesic decreases)
Week 5+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSAIDs PRN as directed • APAP PRN as directed • Gabapentin if necessary (then wean)

APAP = acetaminophen
Hsu JR, Mir H, et al. J Orthop Trauma. 2019;33(5):e158-e162.

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OTA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PAIN MEDICATION TAPER FOLLOWING MINOR MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURY PROCEDURE: POST-DISCHARGE

	Opioid	Non-Opioid
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrocodone/APAP 5mg/325mg or tramadol 50mg 1 tab po q6 hrs PRN, Dispense #28 1 time Rx, No refills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ibuprofen 600mg po q8 hrs x 7 days (Rx given) Gabapentin 100mg 1 tab po TID x 7 days (Rx given) Scheduled APAP 500mg po q12 hrs x 7 days (can increase as combined opioid analgesic decreases)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrocodone/APAP 5mg/325mg or tramadol 50mg Only if necessary, 2 Rx Max 1 tab po q8 hrs PRN Dispense #21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSAIDs PRN as directed Gabapentin if necessary (up to 1800 mg/day) Scheduled APAP 1000mg po q8 hrs (can increase as combined opioid analgesic decreases)
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 tab po q12 hrs PRN Dispense #14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSAIDs PRN as directed Gabapentin if necessary (up to 1800 mg/day) Scheduled APAP 1000mg po q8 hrs (can increase as combined opioid analgesic decreases)
Week 4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSAIDs PRN as directed APAP PRN as directed

Hsu JR, Mir H, et al. J Orthop Trauma. 2019;33(5):e158-e162.

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OTA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PAIN MEDICATION TAPER FOLLOWING NON-OPERATIVE MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURY

Injury Category	Opioid	Non-Opioid
Minor Injury (e.g. small bone fracture, sprain, laceration, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tramadol 50mg Only if necessary, 2 Rx Max 1 tab po q6 hrs PRN, Dispense #20, then #10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSAIDs PRN as directed Scheduled APAP 1000mg po q8 hrs, then PRN as directed
Major Injury (e.g. large bone fracture, rupture, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrocodone/APAP 5mg/325mg or tramadol 50mg Only if necessary, 2 Rx Max 1 tab po q6 hrs PRN Dispense #20, then #10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSAIDs PRN as directed Scheduled APAP 1000mg po q12 hrs, then PRN as directed

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PATIENT EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT

- Education to help patients better understand their pain is essential
- Setting clear goals and expectations is critical!
 - A reasonable goal is a 30% reduction in pain which is considered meaningful and improve daily functioning
- Provide education about what the patient can and should do to feel better and be more active
 - Non-pharmacological therapies: Cognitive behavioral therapy, relaxation training, mindfulness
 - Exercise and movement without significant pain increase
 - Discuss healthy self-care, necessity of taking an active role in treatment

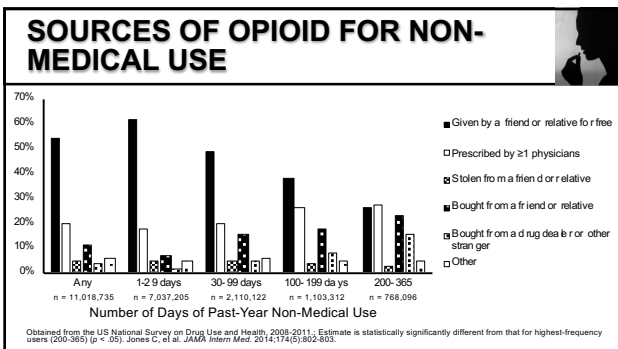
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NALOXONE

- Not a "cure" but reverses the dangers of an opioid overdose allowing medical treatment and hopefully prevent death
- Three FDA-approved formulations
 - Injectable
 - Autoinjectable
 - Prefilled autoinjection device
 - Once activated, device provides verbal instructions to user
 - Prepackaged nasal spray, no assembly
 - Prefilled, needle-free device
- All 50 states + DC have legislation increasing access
 - Naloxone distribution by pharmacists
 - Allows distribution beyond those at risk for overdose

[Package Insert]. Drugs@FDA Website


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COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS


With Oral Dosing



"I can't control what the patient does with his medications when he leaves."

No physician control over doses taken and delivery; completely in patient hands

With Targeted Drug Delivery




"Physician-controlled dosing including PRN boluses"

Doses and delivery parameters remain in physician set limits

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ROLE OF PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN INTRATHECAL PAIN MANAGEMENT: A NARRATIVE REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE.



McDowell GC 2nd, Winchell J. *Postgrad Med J*. 2018;130(4):411-419.

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EDUCATION ON SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDS

- Opioids should be stored inside lockbox and/or secure location
- Medication take-back programs
 - DEA-registered collection sites at retail/hospital/clinic pharmacies and law enforcement
 - Check www.takebackmymeds.com for additional details
- Disposal in household trash
 - Mix (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as dirt, cat litter, or used coffee grounds and seal in plastic bag
 - Delete personal information from the prescription label before disposing
- Disposal in a drug deactivation pouch that utilizes carbon to deactivate and dispose in household trash
- FDA endorses flushing, but many oppose due to concerns about aquatic life

US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Disposal of Unused Medicines: What You Should Know. Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/oc/ohrt/DisposalofUnusedMedicinesWhatYouShouldKnow.pdf>

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SMART GOALS
Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely

- Integrate risk assessment tools into clinical workflow
- Individualize multimodal treatment planning
- Educate patients about their pain to set appropriate expectations and treatment goals
- Provide patients at risk with access to naloxone

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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