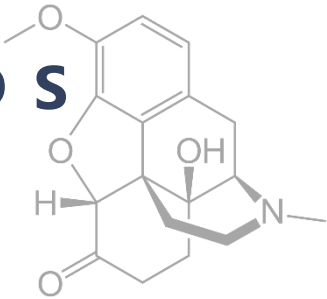




P R E S C R I P T I O N O P I O I D S



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Opioids are a class of drugs naturally found in the opium poppy plant. Some prescription opioids are made from the plant directly, and others are manufactured by scientists in labs using a chemical structure. Opioids are mostly used as medicines to treat moderate to severe pain, but also offer the effect of relaxing the body.²

WHAT IS IT?

how it works²

Opioids bind to and activate opioid receptors on cells located in many areas of the brain, spinal cord, and other organs in the body, especially those involved in feelings of pain and pleasure. When opioids attach to these receptors, they block pain signals sent from the brain to the body and release large amounts of dopamine throughout the body.

SOME COMMON FORMS OF OPIOIDS INCLUDE...^{3,4}

CODEINE

FENTANYL

HYDROCODONE

MORPHINE

OXYCODONE

TRAMADOL



COMMON EFFECTS⁶



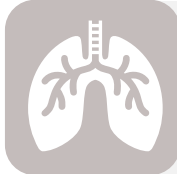
| DROWSINESS | RELAXED |
WITHDRAWAL** |



| CONSTIPATION | NAUSEA OR
VOMITING | LOSS OF APPETITE



| DRY MOUTH | SKIN
INFECTIONS (INJECTIONS) |



| RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION |



| HEART DAMAGE | DAMAGED
VEINS | BLOCKED BLOOD
VESSELS |

did you know? 136 people die every day from an opioid overdose including Rx and illicit opioids.⁴

OKLAHOMA

- ▶ In 2019, there were about 381 prescriptions dispensed every hour in Oklahoma.⁷
- ▶ In 2019, over 3.3 million opioid prescriptions were dispensed in Oklahoma. That's 84.4 opioid prescriptions per 100 people!⁷
- ▶ From 2013-2018, the rate of unintentional prescription opioid related OD deaths decreased by 61%.⁸

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