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DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Opioid Basic Information

Opioid Drugs

Prescription Opioids can be prescribed by doctors to treat moderate to severe pain, but can also have serious risks and side effects.

Commonly Used Terms

Drug Misuse

> The use of prescription drugs without a prescription, or in a manner other than as directed by the prescriber.

Prescription drug misuse is taking medication in a manner other than the prescribed or for a different condition than for which the medication was prescribed.

Prescription drug abuse is the intentional and inappropriate use of prescription drugs for purposes other than that prescribed, or in a manner or in quantities other than directed.

Abuse of prescription drugs stems from the ease of availability, the lack of stigma associated with street drugs, and the false believe they are safe to use.