The opioid epidemic and the connection to dental care.

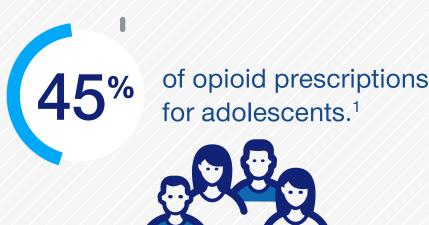


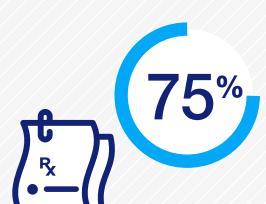
The misuse of opioids has resulted in an epidemic affecting countless lives and communities across the country. Here's a look at how oral health and the ongoing epidemic are connected:





of wisdom teeth extractions for people 16-22 result in at least one opioid prescription.¹





of people who misuse opioids started by taking prescribed medications.²

Epidemic Impacts:

¼√√ 47K+

lives are lost each year to opioid overdoses.³





¹ UnitedHealthcare analysis of more than 4 million claims, 2018

²Cicero TJ, Ellis MS, Surratt HL, Kurtz SP. The changing face of heroin use in the United States: a retrospective analysis of the past 50 years. JAMA Psychiatry. 2014;71(7):821-826.

³ National Institute on Drug Abuse, Opioid Overdose Crisis; 2019. https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/opioids/opioid-overdose-crisis

⁴ The Council of Economic Advisors, 2017 study