Opioid Epidemic

Prescribing of Opioids

1990s

TODAY

Opioid medications are drugs that work by reducing the intensity of pain signals that reach your brain. These drugs can be helpful for a short time, but most do not need to be taken over long periods of time. Commonly prescribed opioids include hydrocodone, oxycodone, codeine, morphine and fentanyl.

You can overdose on opioids by accident.

Taking opioids in combination with alcohol or sedatives can send your body into respiratory depression, meaning you quit breathing.

65% of people misusing painkillers are getting them from family and friends.

In Mississippi, enough opioids were prescribed that every man, woman and child could have a bottle of pills and still have some left over.

4 out of 5 new heroin users started out abusing pills.

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