

OPIOID EPIDEMIC



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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.

4 OUT OF 5

new heroin users
started out
abusing pills.



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



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