

OPIOID Prescribing Guidelines for Oklahoma Healthcare Providers in the Office-Based Setting

Prescription drug abuse is Oklahoma's fastest growing drug problem. Of the nearly 3200 unintentional poisoning deaths in Oklahoma from 2007-2011, 81% involved at least one prescription drug. Prescription painkillers (opioids) are now the most common class of drug involved in overdose deaths in Oklahoma. The Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Oklahoma Workgroup studied various state and national recommendations in an effort to prepare guidelines most relevant to the Practice of medicine in Oklahoma.

The workgroup created these guidelines in an effort to help reduce the misuse of prescription opioid analgesics while preserving patient access to needed medical treatment.

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