

Pain killer

The opioid epidemic in America

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC has been called the worst drug crisis in American history. Each year, thousands of people become addicted and die from overdosing on prescription narcotics. Many are unaware of the risks of opioid addiction – some even become addicted while following doctor's orders. All of this translates to massive medical costs, but more importantly, it takes a human toll. People are suffering. Families are suffering. It's up to us as healthcare providers to help prevent tragic outcomes.

PROBLEM

2 Million

people are addicted to prescription narcotics¹

15,000

fatally overdosed on prescription painkillers in 2015¹

2.6 yrs

Median time from first opioid prescription to overdose for opioid-related overdosing patients¹

1 → 851

For every person who dies from opioids, 851 are in various stages of abuse¹

1 in 32

people who accumulate morphine equivalent doses above 200mg die from overdose¹

20%

of users starting on a 10-day supply of opioids become long-term users¹

70%

of abused Rx drugs are provided by friends and family¹

Only 3%

of opioids are prescribed by pain specialists²



IMPACT

\$25 Billion+

per year in lost productivity due to employee opioid abuse³

\$19,000+

annual healthcare cost per patient⁴

SOLUTION

Advanced Opioid ManagementSM

OUR COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID SOLUTION is the most aggressive, broadest approach in the industry. It touches the physician's office, patient's home and pharmacy to help shield plan sponsors and members from this devastating crisis.

PATIENT



YOUR OPIOID SOLUTION STARTS WITH THE RIGHT DATA

The Express Scripts opioid solution is not just a bandage, it's a treatment. We provide your team with data and analytics to help you understand your situation today, monitor ongoing progress and see future trends.

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¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ² 2014 Express Scripts A Nation in Pain report. ³ American Journal of Managed Care. ⁴ Castlight Health