

OMS Efforts to Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse



Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons are part of the solution.

79%

Reduced opioid prescribing

In the last two years, 79 percent of OMSs have reduced the number of opioids prescribed for wisdom teeth extraction.

97%

Do not refill a prescription

97 percent of OMSs reported they do not refill a prescription following wisdom teeth extraction.

85%

Prescribe less than a 3-day supply

85 percent of OMSs prescribe less than a 3-day supply, an increase of 10 percentage points since last year.

19%

Decreased Norco/Vicodin prescriptions

Over the last two years, OMSs prescribed 19 percent fewer Norco/Vicodin prescriptions.

31%

Decreased oxycodone prescriptions

Over the last two years, OMSs prescribed 31 percent fewer oxycodone prescriptions.



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Source: 2017 and 2018 AAOMS membership surveys



Education Efforts for OMSs on Prescription Drug Abuse

1

Feature **information and resources about opioid abuse** for our membership in nearly every AAOMS publication.

2

Published **prescribing recommendations** for acute and postoperative pain for OMS patients that **urge non-narcotic pain medicine – rather than opioids – be utilized as a first-line therapy** to manage a patient's acute and post-surgical pain.

3

Partnered with **SAMHSA** and **NIDAMED** to create **continuing education (CE) on opioid abuse** and make it available to our members.

4

Have **CE webinars** available and **hosted CE programs** on opioid misuse and abuse.

5

Promote the DEA's **National Prescription Drug Take Back Days** to our members.

6

Developed an information card on the **Safe Use and Disposal of Prescription Medications**.

7

Participate in and promote to our membership the **Partnership for Drug-Free Kids Medicine Abuse Project**.

8

Advocate in support of **legislation to allow patients to partially fill prescriptions** to reduce the excess of opioids susceptible to diversion.



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