OMS Efforts to Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are part of the solution.

89% Reduced opioid prescribing for wisdom teeth extractions
89 percent of OMSs have reduced the number of opioids prescribed for wisdom teeth extraction.

97% Do not refill a prescription
97 percent of OMSs report they do not refill a prescription following wisdom teeth extraction.

72% Prescribe ibuprofen
72 percent of OMSs report they prescribe ibuprofen alone or with an emergency supply of opioids for all OMS surgical procedures.

93% Prescribe less than a 3-day supply
93 percent of OMSs prescribe less than a 3-day supply – up from 74 percent in 2017.

Source: 2017, 2018 and 2019 AAOMS membership surveys
## Education Efforts for OMSs on Prescription Drug Abuse

1. Published **prescribing recommendations** 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.

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

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

4. Provide **CE webinars** and **CE programs** on opioid misuse and abuse.

5. Promote the DEA’s **National Prescription Drug Take Back Days** to AAOMS members.

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

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

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