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