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Opioids are Powerful Drugs

Opioids are powerful drugs derived from the **poppy plant** that have been used for hundreds of years to relieve pain. They include **opium, heroin, morphine** and **codeine**.



Prescription Opioids



People who have major surgeries, serious sports injuries, or cancer, are sometimes prescribed opioids to help **manage their pain**. But opioids can quickly trigger **addiction** when used improperly. If a person **misuses** the drug and doesn't take them as prescribed, opioids



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Illegal opioids are used to get high. Prescription opioids are used as medicine. Both of these can be dangerous.

Ways People Misuse Opioid Medications:

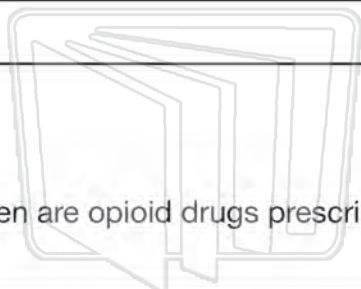
- *not following instructions from their doctor*
- *taking pills that are not prescribed for them*
- *taking opioids just to get high*
- *mixing opioids with other medications, alcohol, or over-the-counter drugs*





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What are opioids?



Prescription Opioids

When are opioid drugs prescribed? _____

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