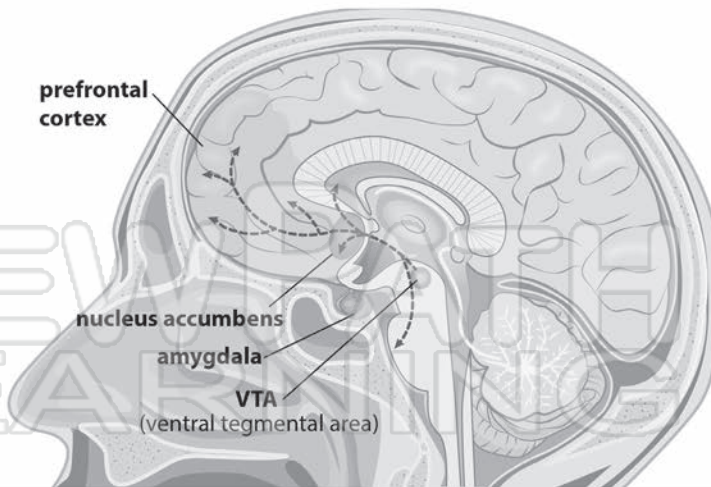




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The **National Institutes of Health** are exploring better ways to prevent and treat opioid misuse. They are looking at how opioids work on **brain pathways** and trying to figure out how to develop safer medications. Ideally, they could develop a pain reliever as strong as an opioid that does not have the risk of addiction.



Other Ways to Treat Pain

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cognitive behavioral therapy



non-opioid medications (like acetaminophen and topical creams)

How can teenagers protect themselves?

The best thing teenagers can do is to turn away from peer pressure to use opioids "for fun." Only take opioids **as prescribed** by your doctor. Also, ask your doctor or dentist how quickly you can stop taking them or if there are other medications to use instead.

Visit NIDA's Teen Web site to learn more: teens.drugabuse.gov.



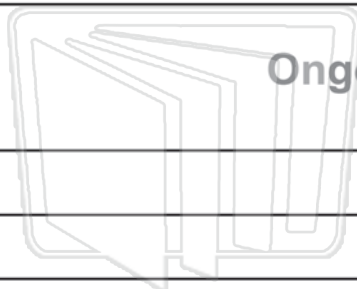


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List ways to prevent and treat opioid addiction: _____

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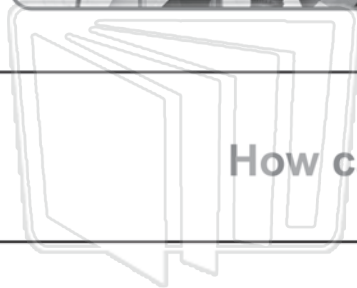


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