

THE IMPACT OF THE OPIOID CRISIS ON HOSPITALS: A Nurse's View from The Bedside

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Statistics

Commonly Reported

- Syndromic Surveillance
 - Overdoses, sometimes made public
 - Chapter 55 (MA)
 - S.O.S (MI)
- Internal
 - Overdoses
 - Narcan Administration
 - Admissions

Less Well Known

- Patient Violence
- Agitated patients
- Conflict with families
- Staff attitudes

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The Emergency Patient

Opioid Overdoses

- Narcan, monitoring, SBIRT
- Compassion fatigue
- High utilizers

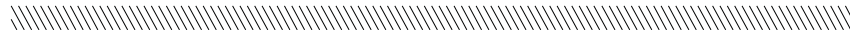
Other Drugs

- Meth, spice, marijuana, alcohol

“drug seekers”

- The role of PDMPs (Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs)

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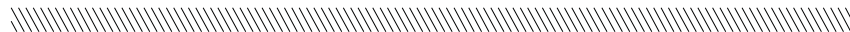
Opioid Dependent and Chronically Ill

- May be elderly
- May be altered if in withdrawal
- Withdrawal frequently mistaken

Opioid Dependence and Acute Injury

- Challenges in pain management
- Alternatives
- Suboxone, methadone, Vivitrol

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The Hospitalized Patient

- Admitted Overdoses
- Dependent and Chronically Ill
- Withdrawal
- COWS
- Discharge Challenges
 - PICC lines

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Visitors

Bringing Drugs to the Hospital

Fears of withdrawal

When a family member becomes the patient

Family with SUD

Violence

Role of security

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Conclusion

Gaps in Education

Medication
Assessment

Compassion Fatigue

Environment

Stigma

“those people” are us

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