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
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)

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
The Hospitalized Patient

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

Visitors

Bringing Drugs to the Hospital

Fears of withdrawal

When a family member becomes the patient

Family with SUD

Violence

Role of security
Conclusion

Gaps in Education
  Medication
  Assessment

Compassion Fatigue
  Environment

Stigma
  “those people” are us

THANK YOU
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