

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.



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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.



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