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This study highlights the growing epidemic of [opioid](#) medication overdoses, which now account for more deaths than heroin and cocaine combined. Improved drug monitoring and safe [prescribing](#) practices are suggested prevention strategies.