

The cost of opioid–related adverse drug events.

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Opioids are particularly [dangerous](#) medications that may lead to various [adverse drug events](#) including nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, and death. This review defined the substantial economic impact of adverse events resulting from opioids, finding health care costs increased 7% to 47% for patients that experienced an opioid–related adverse event.