

## **Moving beyond misuse and diversion: the urgent need to consider the role of iatrogenic addiction in the current opioid epidemic.**

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A [substantial](#) number of drug deaths in the United States have been associated with inadvertent overdose of prescription opioids. This commentary explores contributors to [iatrogenic](#) opioid addiction, identifies patient characteristics that increase risk of drug dependence, and makes recommendations for education and research to improve safety of [chronic pain management](#).