

An E.R. kicks the habit of opioids for pain.

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[Overprescribing](#) of opioids for pain management contributes to the growing crisis involving [opioid-related harm](#). This newspaper article reports on one hospital's efforts to avoid opioid use for patients presenting to the [emergency department](#) with pain. Alternative [treatments](#) included nonnarcotic infusions, nitrous oxide, music therapy, and holistic techniques.