

Prescription of long-acting opioids and mortality in patients with chronic noncancer pain.

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[Opioid](#) use can increase risk of [adverse drug events](#), including [overdoses](#). In this retrospective study, researchers found that the use of long-acting opioids in patients with chronic noncancer pain was associated with greater risk of mortality when compared with patients using other classes of analgesic medications.