

## **National trends in hospitalizations for opioid poisonings among children and adolescents, 1997 to 2012.**

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Despite recent [policy efforts](#), [opioid overdose](#) remains a serious patient safety issue in the United States. Researchers found that between 1997 and 2012, hospitalizations for opioid poisoning among [pediatric patients](#) nearly doubled. Children are particularly vulnerable to risks associated with opioids, and the authors suggest that pediatric-specific recommendations for opioid prescribing are needed.