

Defining optimal length of opioid pain medication prescription after common surgical procedures.

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This retrospective observational study found that the median duration of [opioid](#) prescription after routine surgical procedures ranged from 4–15 days overall. A significant proportion of these prescriptions were refilled, highlighting the [risk of chronic use](#) following the acute pain setting.