

## **Opioid prescribing practices from 2010 through 2015 among dentists in the United States: what do claims data tell us?**

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This analysis of claims data from insurers found that rates of [opioid prescribing](#) following [dental procedures](#) increased between 2010 and 2015. The sharpest rise occurred among 11–18 year olds, and nearly one-third of opioid prescriptions were not associated with surgical procedures. The authors urge limiting use of opioids for nonsurgical dental visits.