

## **Opioid-Related Inpatient Stays and Emergency Department Visits Among Patients Aged 65 Years and Older, 2010 and 2015.**

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Polypharmacy, chronic conditions, and mental health needs can contribute to [misuse of opioids](#). This data analysis from the AHRQ [Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project](#) found that opioid-related hospitalizations and [emergency room visits](#) for older Americans increased substantially between 2010 and 2015.