

Inappropriate opioid prescription after surgery.

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The [overprescribing](#) of opioids for [postsurgery pain](#) can increase the potential for opioid dependence, misuse, and harm. Discussing this worldwide [patient safety concern](#), this commentary summarizes clinician, [patient](#), and systemic factors that contribute to the problem and outlines efforts to address the issue while enabling clinicians to provide [safe pain therapy](#) to patients.