

## Prevention of opioid overdose.

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Reducing patient harm associated with the use of [opioids](#) to [manage pain](#) is a patient safety priority. This review discusses how to reduce risk of opioid misuse among three groups of patients: opioid-naive patients, patients on long-term opioid therapy, and those with a history of substance abuse. Strategies include disposal recommendations, tapering, and coprescribing of [naloxone](#).