

The prescription opioid crisis: role of the anaesthesiologist in reducing opioid use and misuse.

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Reducing [opioid prescribing](#) in pain management is a key strategy to address the [opioid crisis](#). This review highlights the unique role of the [anaesthesiologist](#) in this approach. The authors emphasize [preoperative identification](#) of patients at risk for long-term opioid use and suggest [organizational](#), clinical, and research strategies that can be led by anesthesiologists to reduce opioid use.