

Incidence and variables associated with inconsistencies in opioid prescribing at hospital discharge and its associated adverse drug outcomes.

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Harms related to [prescription opioid use](#) are an ongoing patient safety challenge. Based on data from one hospital between 2014 and 2016, this cohort study found that nearly 50% of hospitalized patients were discharged with an opioid prescription, and 80% of those prescriptions were among patients [discharged](#) from a [surgical unit](#). Opioid-related medication errors were more common in handwritten discharge prescriptions compared to electronic prescriptions; electronic prescriptions were associated with a 69% lower risk of opioid-related medication errors.