

Prescription opioid dose reductions and potential adverse events: a multi-site observational cohort study in diverse US health systems.

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In response to the increasing opioid crisis, many medical associations, policy makers, and insurers have argued for dose [reductions](#). However, when doses are reduced too [quickly](#), patients may experience short- and [long-term](#) adverse events. Consistent with other studies, dose reductions higher than 30% were associated with higher odds of emergency department visits, opioid overdose, and all-cause mortality in the month following dose reduction.