

Prescription Pain Medication:

Know the potential risks of opioid use



RISKS OF OPIOID USE

Prescription opioids are used to treat pain and come in different forms including pills, patches and liquid. Even if taken as prescribed, they can lead to dependence or addiction. If not used as directed, opioids may lead to an overdose.

WHAT IS AN OPIOID?

Some common opioid medications include:

- codeine
- morphine
- oxycodone (e.g. Percocet)
- hydromorphone (e.g. Dilaudid)
- fentanyl
- methadone
- tramadol (e.g. Tramacet)

REMEMBER!

- Keep your opioids secure or locked up.
- Bring any unused or expired opioids back to any pharmacy or ask a health care provider how to dispose of them.
- Never share your opioid medications with others.
- Do not mix your medication with other drugs (prescribed or over-the-counter) without consulting your health care provider.
- Do not take your medication with alcohol or street drugs.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Talk to your pharmacist or other health care provider and visit ontario.ca/Opioids