

Preventing opioid overdose in Oregon

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ABSTRACT: In Oregon, more drug poisoning deaths involve prescription opioids than any other type of drug, including alcohol, methamphetamines, heroin and cocaine. In 2013, almost 1 in 4 Oregonians received a prescription for opioid medications and Oregon ranks 2nd among all states in non-medical use of prescription pain medication. Reducing prescription drug overdose is a complex problem that will require coordinated implementation of a comprehensive set of solutions. This presentation will outline the strategies needed to reduce prescription opioid overdose, misuse and dependency.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- To understand data on opioid misuse and overdose in Oregon, including trends, populations at risk, role of prescription opioids
- To understand policies/ practices that can be implemented by communities, public health, and health care systems to decreased opioid overdose.

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