Poll Questions

July/August 2018

Older Adults’ Experiences with Opioid Prescriptions

Questions were answered by respondents age 50–80.

The following questions are about opioid pain medications, such as Vicodin, OxyContin, and Percocet. These are medications that require a prescription (they do not include medications like Tylenol, Aleve or Motrin).

Q1. Have you filled a prescription for pain medication for yourself?
1. Yes, within the last year
2. Yes, 1-2 years ago
3. Yes, 3 or more years ago
4. No

If Q1 = 1 or 2

Q2. What was the cause of the pain? Select all that apply
1. Injury/accident
2. Arthritis/back pain
3. Dental problems
4. Surgery
5. Chronic pain (such as fibromyalgia/nerve pain)
6. Nerve related pain
7. Headaches
8. Cancer-related
9. Illness-related (other than cancer)
10. Other
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If Q1 = 1 or 2

### Q3. Did the health care provider prescribing the pain medication talk with you about:

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Q5. Which of the following are true with your most recent pain medication prescription?

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<td>I took pain medication other than how it was prescribed (more frequently and/or higher dose)</td>
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<td>A family member helped make sure I didn’t take too much pain medication</td>
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<td>I switched to a non-opioid pain medication as soon as possible</td>
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If Q1 = 1 or 2

Q6. Did you have any leftover prescription pain medication?

1. Yes
2. No

If Q6 = 1

Q7. What did you do with the leftover your pain medication?

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Q1= 3 or 4 OR if Q6= 2

Q8. What would you do with leftover prescription pain medication?

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All respondents

There is a new product to help with safe disposal of leftover pain medication. It is a powder that is poured into the bottle of leftover pills and mixed with water; after shaking for 30 seconds, the medication bottle can be safely put into the trash.

Q9. If you were given this product when you picked up your pain medication from the pharmacy, would you use it for leftover medication?

1. Definitely would use it
2. Maybe would use it
3. Would probably not use it

If Q9= 2 or 3

Q10. Why might you NOT use it?

1. Might lose the product before I’m ready to dispose of leftover medication
2. Would rather save the medication for future use
3. Would rather use another method for disposing leftover medication
4. Other

If Q9= 1, 2 or 3

Q11. If you had to pay $5-10 for this product, how likely would you be to purchase it?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Not likely
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Q12. Please indicate whether or not you would support the following:

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<td>Require patients to return unused pain pills to their health care provider or a pharmacy.</td>
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