

Did you know?

Opioids are most commonly prescribed to teens following sports injuries or wisdom teeth surgeries?

71.5 % OF TEENS USING PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS TAKE THEM FOR AN UNINTENDED PURPOSE

70%

Of opioids prescribed after surgery go unused after surgery

90%

Of addictions start in teen years?

75% OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MISUSE OPIOIDS STARTED BY TAKING PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS

20-25%

Of teens admit to taking prescription meds from family without permission

EVERY 10 MINUTES A CHILD VISITS THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR MEDICATION POISONING

Safe Opioid Use:

- Ask the doctor about alternatives
- Take only as prescribed
- Store out of reach of children (free lock boxes are available at medsafetyarlington.org)
- Dispose of any unused medication

Ask your doctor:

- What are the side effects?
- When can I/my child switch to over the counter pain relievers?
- How can I recognize signs of misuse?



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