

Prescription Opioids and the Growing Crisis

Learn how e-prescribing is helping to prevent opioid misuse



Canada is the 2nd largest per capita consumer of prescription opioids in the world. 53 opioid prescriptions are filled for every 100 Canadians.



37%



Prescribed opioids are a factor in the crisis. 37% of patients admitted to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health reported receiving opioids solely from physician prescriptions.



An estimated 2 in 5 prescribers are never notified of a patient's drug misuse, or notified after the patient picks up the prescription.

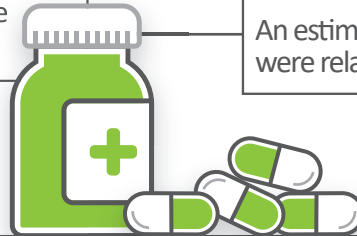
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An estimated 4,000 deaths in Canada were related to opioids in 2017.



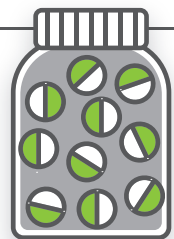
High numbers of Canadians have unused opioids following surgery, resulting in a surplus of opioids in medicine cabinets across the country that can be stolen or diverted.



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CANADA'S ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION SERVICE



Prescrib+elT[®] is a national not-for-profit service that allows prescriptions to be securely sent and cancelled electronically from a prescriber to a pharmacy, reducing the potential for opioid misuse.



With e-prescribing, clinicians can prescribe opioids in small quantities, knowing that more can be prescribed remotely if needed.

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