



A RANGE OF TREATMENT OPTIONS EXIST TO HELP PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE

15 million people aged 12 or older used prescription drugs non-medically in the past year. This issue is a growing national problem in the United States. 75 percent of people entering treatment for heroin addiction in the last 15 years reported that their first opioid was a prescription drug.¹



Preventing prescription drug misuse is part of patient care. To effectively curb the growing epidemic of prescription drug misuse, prescribers can utilize **prevention**, **Medication Assisted Treatment**, and **behavioral health interventions** to support their patients.

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naloxone

CBT

medication-assisted treatment (MAT)

trauma screening

motivational interviewing

methadone

naltrexone

prevention

buprenorphine

motivational enhancement therapy

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is the use of medications in combination with behavioral therapies to support recovery.



2x
MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT
doubles rates of abstinence from opioids.²

BP/Nx
BUPRENORPHINE AND NALOXONE

More than half of patients treated for addiction to prescription opioids with these treatments reported that they were **not misusing opioid prescription drugs 18 months after starting treatment.**³

It works

Extended-release naltrexone was responsible for a

50% reduction

in cravings for individuals with opioid dependence.⁴

LEARN MORE:

Learn more about MAT and the various medications associated with the treatment at www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/treatment



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