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Opioid Overdose Prevention and Treatment

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Who is Most At-Risk for Overdose?

Patient >

- Prior opioid overdose
- Recreational opioid use
- Mental health disorders
- Untreated sleep disorders
- Lung disease
- Kidney or liver problems

Population >

- Middle-aged adults
- More men than women
- Whites and American Indian or Alaska Natives
- People in rural areas
- Residents of states with higher sales and non-medical use of prescription painkillers

Medication >

- Starting or switching to new opioids
- Extended-release or long-acting opioid
- Resumption of opioid therapy after period of abstinence
- Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED) greater than 50 or aggressive dose increases
- Multiple prescriptions or prescribers
- Route of administration (injectables)
- Concurrent Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants prescribed

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