Healthcare Professionals’ Attitudes Toward OPIOIDS

OPIOID ADDICTION BY THE NUMBERS

- 249 million opioid prescriptions in 2013
- 2 million Americans depended on opioids in 2014
- $2 billion spent each year on opioid-related post-op respiratory failure

Clinicians need better tools to fight the OPIOID EPIDEMIC

- 85% want more education on safely & effectively treating patients’ pain
- 76% want better screening of patients for opioid-use disorders
- 66% want to present opioid addiction as chronic illness, not moral failing

Physicians and other clinicians were surveyed about the OPIOID EPIDEMIC

- 65% blamed over-prescribing
- 50% blamed over-emphasis on treating pain
- 31% blamed incorrect belief that opioids are not addictive

5 QUESTIONS FOR PROVIDERS

1. Is prescribing an opioid appropriate?
2. Have I considered alternate treatments?
3. How will this patient react to the opioid dosage?
4. Am I carefully monitoring high-risk patients?
5. What have I done to reduce long-term opioid use?

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