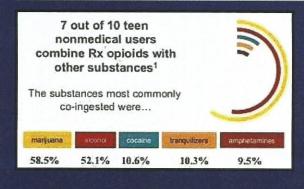


Is your child's pain medicine an opioid?

- Opioids can be HIGHLY ADDICTIVE.²
- Opioids are a class of drugs that act on the nervous system to relieve pain and are often prescribed to high school athletes for sports injuries.^{1,3}
- Vicodin, OxyContin, codeine, morphine, fentanyl, and the illicit drug heroin are all opioids.¹
- Addiction is a chronic and relapsing brain disease.³
- Continued use and abuse of opioids can lead to physical dependency and withdrawal symptoms, even in teenagers.¹
- In 2016, there were 11 million prescriptions written for opioids, about 11 prescriptions for every Michigan resident. (2016 Michigan population: 9.928 million.)²
- Misuse or prolonged use of prescription pain medication can lead to heroin use and addiction.¹



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