



Opioid Overdoses Treated in Emergency Departments: Identify Opportunities for Action
Vital Signs – March 2018

- Opioid overdose emergency department visits rose 30% in all parts of the U.S. from July 2016 through September 2017.
- Particularly hard hit were Midwestern states, with a 70% increase in opioid overdoses.
- Opioid overdoses increased for both sexes and all age groups.
- People who have had an opioid overdose are more likely to have another.
- Repeat opioid overdoses can be avoided through treatment referrals provided during emergency department visits.
- Timely and coordinated response efforts can also better prevent more opioid overdoses in the community.
- Learn more about preventing opioid overdoses and what to do if an overdose occurs in order to save a life.
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