America’s Opioid Crisis

The stunning spread of the opioid painkiller and heroin epidemic in two maps over 10 years.

A challenge for cities, counties and states

The rise in prescription opioid and heroin addiction is causing an increase in overdoses as well as more cases of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C.

Deaths from opioids

78 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.

National overdose deaths

- Total
- Male
- Female

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health

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Speakers
- Judge Gary Moore, Boone County, Ky.
- Council Member Waymon Mumford, Florence County, S.C.
- Dr. Patrice Harris, American Medical Association
- Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, National Association of County & City Health Officials
- Dr. Leana Wen, Health Commissioner, Baltimore City, Md.
- County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Erie County, N.Y.
- Commissioner Greg Puckett, Mercer County, W.Va.

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AMA Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse

- Increase physicians’ registration and use of PDMPs
- Ensure safe, evidence-based prescribing
- Support comprehensive pain care; reduce the stigma of pain
- Reduce the stigma of substance use disorder; increase access to treatment
- Increase access to naloxone to save lives from overdose; support broad Good Samaritan protections

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Prevention
- New opioid prescription guidelines for local providers and UB Medical School
- 5-day limit on opioid prescriptions without prior-authorization through major insurers
- Early planning to develop a Center of Excellence in Pain Management

Education
- Informational forums in every community
- Developing a YouTube video series
- Working group with school superintendents to roll out joint curriculum
- Aggressive press including strategic announcement of overdose fatalities

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