



Opioids: Are You Part of the Problem?

CR Survey Results (N=1,155)

- **My dental specialty is:** 95% general dentist, 2% prosthodontist, 3% other
- **Do you prescribe opioids in your practice?** 80% yes, 20% no
- **What alternative drugs do you prescribe for pain control?** (multiple answer possible): 94% NSAIDs, 70% acetaminophen, 11% other
- **Which opioid do you prescribe most commonly?**
67% hydrocodone, 21% codeine, 7% oxycodone, 3% tramadol, 2% other
- **Has your use of opioids been altered in the past five years?**
67% yes, 33% no
- **Please indicate how it may have been altered:** 48% decreased significantly, 30% decreased moderately, 20% decreased slightly, 2% increased
- **What is your usual prescription for pain control after impacted third molar surgery?** (multiple answer possible): 43% NSAID, 40% hydrocodone, 27% acetaminophen, 10% codeine, 6% oxycodone, 3% dexamethasone
- **How many doses of opioids per patient do you prescribe for impacted third molar surgery?** 24% none, 20% 1–5, 26% 6–10, 23% 11–15, 7% other
- **Have you ever had a patient overdose on opioids?** 2% yes, 87% no, 11% unknown
- **Have you or any of your friends had children die from opioid abuse?** 15% yes, 80% no, 5% unknown
- **Do you make use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs in your state?** 70% yes, 17% no, 13% don't know about this program
- **Are you personally aware of any dental colleague who has/had a substance abuse issue?** 43% yes, 57% no
- **Do you know which may have been abused?** (multiple answer possible): 63% opioids, 60% alcohol, 25% nitrous oxide, 11% benzodiazepines, 7% amphetamines, 14% other
- **Have any of your patients had a GI bleed from NSAID prescription post third molar surgery?** 3% yes, 69% no, 28% unknown
- **Have any of your patients had liver toxicity from Acetaminophen (Tylenol)?** 4% yes, 65% no, 31% unknown
- **Which NSAID do you most commonly prescribe?**
91% ibuprofen, 7% naproxen, 2% other
- **Have you or any of your friends had children requiring rehabilitation for opioid addiction?** 25% yes, 66% no, 9% unknown

