

Naloxone (Narcan): The Opioid Overdose Antidote



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Past 30 days Illicit Drug Use among Persons 12 and Older: 2014 (in millions)



Why the Concern about Prescription Drugs?

- In 2010, enough painkillers were prescribed to medicate *every adult American around the clock for a month*
- People think they are safe
- Risk of Tolerance, Dependence, Addiction, Overdose, and Death
- Diversion: 66% come from friends/family
- Transition: past misuse of prescription opioids is the strongest risk factor for heroin initiation and use