







# Role of Orthopaedic Surgeons?



**Orthopedic Surgeons are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Prescribers of Opioids (7.7% of all Rx)**

PCPs – 28.8%; Internists – 14.6%

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## Orthopedic Surgery & Opioids

• Literature on Worse Clinical Outcomes in:

- Trauma
- Low Back Pain
- Occupational MSK Disorders
- TKA
- Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty
- Spine Surgery
- More coming...



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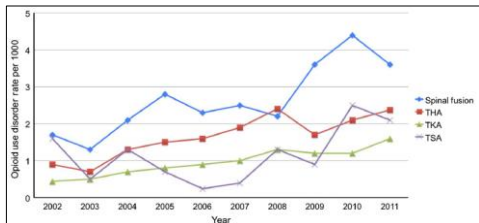
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### Preoperative Opioid Misuse is Associated With Increased Morbidity and Mortality After Elective Orthopaedic Surgery

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The graph shows opioid abuse and dependence per 1000 orthopaedic inpatients by procedure type in the United States from 2002 to 2011.

**Conclusion** Opioid abuse and dependence are increasing rapidly among orthopaedic surgical inpatients and are associated with considerable postoperative morbidity and mortality and resource utilization. We recommend that

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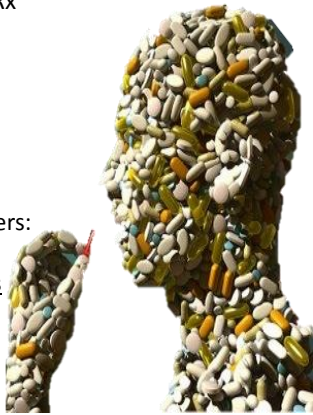
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Rx

- Single Opioid Provider:
  - 2 Rx's
  - Duration of 28 days
  - 26 MED/day (mg)

- Multiple Opioid Providers:
  - 7 Rx's
  - Duration of 110 days
  - 43 MED/day (mg)




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Doctor Shopping Predictors

• ≤ High School Education (3.2 X)

• Preoperative Opioid Use (4.5 X)




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Recommendations

- Monitor Postoperative Opioid Rx following Orthopaedic Trauma
- Identify and Prevent Doctor Shopping
  - CSMD Utilization
  - Particularly for Patients with:
    - Lower Level of Education
    - History of Preoperative Opioid Use




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**Opioid Use After Fracture Surgery Correlates With Pain Intensity and Satisfaction With Pain Relief**

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**Methods** Ninety-seven inpatients completed measures of pain intensity (numeric rating scale), satisfaction with pain relief, self-efficacy when in pain, and symptoms of depression days after operative fracture repair. The amount of opioid used in oral morphine equivalents taken during the prior 24 hours was calculated. Through initial bivariate and then multivariate analysis, we identified factors that were associated with pain intensity, less than complete satisfaction with pain control, and less than complete satisfaction with staff attention to pain relief.

**Conclusions** After operative fracture treatment, patients who take more opioids report greater pain intensity and less satisfaction with pain relief. Greater self-efficacy was the best determinant of satisfaction with pain relief. Evidence-based interventions to increase self-efficacy merit additional study for the management of postoperative pain during recovery from a fracture.



**Differences in Prescription of Narcotic Pain Medication After Operative Treatment of Hip and Ankle Fractures in the United States and the Netherlands**

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**TABLE 3.** Comparison of Narcotics Prescription Between Countries

	American	Dutch	p
Hip fractures			
Inpatient	85	58	<0.001
Outpatient	77	0	<0.001
Ankle fractures			
Inpatient	98	64	<0.001
Outpatient	82	6	<0.001

**Conclusions:** American patients are prescribed significantly more inpatient and outpatient narcotic pain medication than Dutch patients after operative treatment of hip and ankle fractures.



**Classification Schedules for Controlled Substances**

**Schedule II prescriptions<sup>a</sup>**

- Combination products containing hydrocodone plus acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or aspirin (Vicodin, Lortab, Norco)
- Immediate or sustained-release oxycodone (Percocet, OxyContin)
- Hydromorphone (Dilaudid)
- Immediate or sustained release morphine sulfate
- Codeine sulfate
- Methadone
- Meperidine (Demerol)
- Sublingual or transdermal fentanyl

**Schedule III prescriptions<sup>b</sup>**

- Combination products with up to 90 mg codeine plus acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or aspirin (Tylenol with Codeine)

<sup>a</sup> Require a written prescription for up to a 90-day supply, and each refill requires a new written prescription.

<sup>b</sup> Dispensed or refilled by written or verbal prescriptions.

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The Opioid Epidemic: Impact on Orthopaedic Surgery  
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### Pain Clinics



- Rapid Rise in Number
- 732 in FL
  - 4 Pain Clinics for every 100,000 People
  - Outnumber McDonald's
- Some Pain Clinics provide Important Services for Patient Care and Pain Management
- However, "Pill Mills" Prescribe and Dispense Controlled Substances Outside the Scope of Standard Medical Practice

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### PDMPs

- Programs with Positive Early Results

And it's had some quick success, Dr. Nirav Shah, commissioner of the state's Health Department, reported at a public hearing on the 2014-15 executive budget proposal. Calling I-STOP a "national model" for controlling substance abuse, he reported that there was a 74.9% decrease in doctor shopping in the fourth quarter of 2013 compared with the same period the previous year. The program went into effect in June 2013 and created a prescription-monitoring registry that includes real-time information from pharmacies on which controlled substances are being dispensed.

Since August, more than 66,000 clinicians have run 7 million prescription checks on 2.9 million patients, according to a news release. I-STOP replaced an earlier program that was used by only 5,100 providers and monitored less than 466,000 patients in 3 1/2 years.

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### Conclusions

- The US is in an Opioid Epidemic
  - Detrimental Effects on Individuals and Society
- Our Patients are At-Risk
  - Orthopaedic Surgeons should:
    - Recognize Risk Factors
    - Set Patient Expectations and Prescribe Responsibly
    - Take Control of MSK Pain Management
    - Educate Other Providers




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# Intravenous (IV) Acetaminophen Effectiveness in Pain Management of the Geriatric Hip Fracture Patient

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## Purpose

- Hip fractures are a common problem in the geriatric population, having substantial impact on the healthcare system
  - \$30 billion annual cost <sup>1-2</sup>
- Often result in functional decline and greater mortality <sup>2-9</sup>

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## Purpose - con't

- Post-operative pain control remains difficult in the elderly population
  - Opioid- and NSAID-associated complications more common <sup>2,10-22</sup>
  - Intravenous acetaminophen has been shown in prior studies to be safe and efficacious in major orthopaedic surgery <sup>20,22-29</sup>

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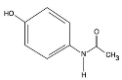
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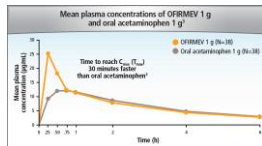
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## What is IV Tylenol



- OFIRMEV<sup>®</sup> (acetaminophen) injection
- Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
- Administration 650mg q 4 or 1000mg q 6
- 70% Higher peak 15-30 min dose
- 50% Lower hepatic levels




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# Hypothesis

- The use of scheduled IV acetaminophen as part of a perioperative pain-control protocol for patients 65 or older with hip fractures will reduce problems associated with inadequate pain control, while simultaneously decreasing complications associated with opioid analgesic use and reducing length of hospital stay.
- Start on admission
- Complete POD #2

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# Methods

- Retrospective chart review from June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013
  - Group 1: June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012
    - » (before initiation of protocol)
  - Group 2: June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2013
    - » (after initiation of protocol)

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# Methods - con't

- Inclusion Criteria:
  - 65 years or older
  - Admitted to orthopaedic surgery service
  - Underwent operative fixation of "hip" fracture by one of six surgeons within specified time period
    - CPT codes 27235, 27236, 27244, 27245
    - AO classification 31-A & 31-B

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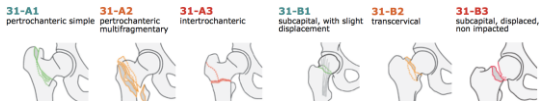
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## Methods - con't

- Exclusion Criteria:
- Pathologic fracture
- Periprosthetic fracture
- Concomitant orthopaedic injury requiring operative intervention
- Perioperative death (same hospitalization)

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## Methods - con't

	Total Fractures	Group 1	Group 2
Geriatric Fractures	433	214	219
Subtrochanteric	13	7	6
Non-Ortho Admit	55	24	31
Included Hip Fractures	365	183	182
Exclusions:			
Concomitant Injuries	8	3	5
Periprosthetic	8	5	3
Pathologic	8	4	4
Perioperative Death	5	2	3
Total	336	169	167

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## Methods - con't

- Statistical Analysis
- Quantitative data were analyzed using the unpaired t-test, while nominal data were analyzed using the chi-square test
- Multivariate regression analyses for quantitative data and logistic regression analysis for nominal data
- Significance evaluated at  $p < 0.05$

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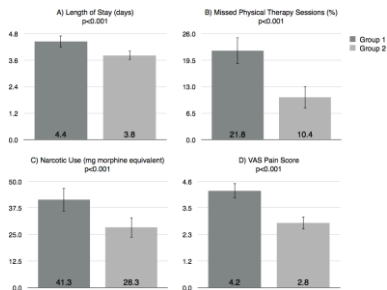
## Study Population

	Group 1 (n=169)	Group 2 (n=167)	p-Value
Age (years)*	83.3 (65-101)	81.8 (66-101)	0.08
Gender (number of patients)			0.85
Male	45 (27%)	46 (28%)	
Female	124 (73%)	121 (72%)	
Fracture (number of patients)			0.33
Femoral Neck	81 (48%)	78 (47%)	
Intertrochanteric	88 (52%)	89 (53%)	
Surgical Treatment			0.81
Arthroplasty	71 (42%)	68 (41%)	
Internal Fixation	98 (58%)	99 (59%)	
Body Mass Index*	25.3 (13.4-57.1)	26.3 (16.1-41.5)	0.10
Time from Admission to OR (hours)*	17.1 (1-65)	15.3 (0-56)	0.09
Total Acetaminophen (# doses)*	8.7 (0-35)	9.2 (0-30)	0.48
Oral Acetaminophen (# doses)*	8.5 (0-35)	5.4 (0-27)	<0.001
IV Acetaminophen (# doses)*	0.2 (0-12)	3.7 (0-12)	<0.001

## Results

	Group 1 (n=169)	Group 2 (n=167)	p-Value
Length of Stay (days)			<0.001
Mean (Range)	4.4 (1.2-13)	3.8 (1.5-11.4)	
Narcotic Use (mg morphine-equivalent)			<0.001
Mean (Range)	41.3 (0-189.7)	28.3 (0-204.3)	
Daily Narcotic Use (mg/day)			0.05
Mean (Range)	9.6 (0-49.9)	7.8 (0-53.2)	
Bowel Motility Agents (# doses)			0.29
Mean (Range)	1.0 (0-10)	0.8 (0-4)	
Anti-emetic Agents (# doses)			0.48
Mean (Range)	0.8 (0-11)	0.7 (0-7)	
Pain Score (VAS scale)			<0.001
Mean (Range)	4.2 (0-9.2)	2.8 (0-7.7)	
Missed PT sessions (%)			<0.001
Mean (Range)	21.8 (0-66.7)	10.4 (0-100)	
Discharge Location (# patients)			0.001
Home	12 (7%)	32 (19%)	
Secondary Care Facility	157 (93%)	135 (81%)	

## Results - con't



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Length of Stay

	Beta Coefficient	p-Value
Age	-	0.07
IV Acetaminophen	-0.581	<0.001
Sex	-	0.16
BMI	-	0.09
Time to OR	0.058	<0.001
Diagnosis	-	0.93
Narcotic Use	.009	<0.001
Pain Score	-	0.76

## Results - con't

Pain Score

	Beta Coefficient	p-Value
Age	-0.028	0.001
IV Acetaminophen	-1.4	<0.001
Sex	-	0.94
BMI	-	0.84
Time to OR	-	0.94
Diagnosis	-	0.25
Narcotic Use	x	x
Pain Score	x	x

## Results - con't

Narcotic Use

	Beta Coefficient	p-Value
Age	-1.01	<0.001
IV Acetaminophen	-16.23	<0.001
Sex	-	0.18
BMI	0.82	0.001
Time to OR	0.44	0.01
Diagnosis	-	0.71
Narcotic Use	x	x
Pain Score	x	x

## Results - con't

Missed PT Sessions

	Beta Coefficient	p-Value
Age	-	0.49
IV Acetaminophen	-11.4	<0.001
Sex	-	0.74
BMI	-	0.17
Time to OR	-	0.71
Diagnosis	-	0.51
Narcotic Use	-	0.10
Pain Score	-	0.33

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## Results - con't

Regression Analysis: Odds of Discharge to Secondary Care Facility

Variable	Unit	OR (95% CI)	p-value
Age	One year of Increasing Age	1.1 (1.1-1.2)	<0.001
IV Acetaminophen	Use of IV Acetaminophen	0.45 (0.21-0.95)	0.008
Sex	Female Gender	2.1 (1.0-4.3)	0.025
BMI	N/A	-	0.54
Time to OR	One Hour of Increased Time to OR	1.1 (1.0-1.1)	0.046
Diagnosis	N/A	-	0.64
Narcotic Use	10 mg morphine-equivalent	1.2 (1.02-1.3)	0.03
Pain Score	N/A	-	0.45

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## Results - con't

- Intravenous acetaminophen usage both correlated with and was independently predictive of:
  - shorter mean length of hospital stay
  - lower mean narcotic usage
  - lower mean pain score
  - lower percentage of physical therapy sessions missed
  - higher likelihood of discharge to home

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# Conclusion

- The utilization of scheduled IV acetaminophen as part of a standardized pain-management protocol for geriatric hip fractures resulted in a shortened length of hospital stay, decreased pain score and narcotic use, fewer missed physical therapy sessions, and higher rate of discharge to home.

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# Future Directions?

- Cost-analysis
  - OFIRMEV® ~\$40 per 1000 mg dose
- Prospective, randomized trials
  - Verified outcome measures




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# Pain Strategies for Practicing Orthopaedic Surgeons



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## BLUF: Multi-modal strategy

- Short acting opioids
  - 8 weeks maximum
    - Refer to pain management if requiring more narcotics
- NSAIDs
  - Non-selective:
    - Ibuprofen, naproxen, etc.
  - Selective if GI risk:
    - Meloxicam (generic)
- Gabapentin
  - Up to 1800 mg/day effective
  - Increased evening dose
- No sustained-release opioids
- No sedative-hypnotics
  - Benzos, ambien, etc.



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### Did he say NSAIDS???



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### What should you fear?



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Risk Factors for Continued Opioid Use One to Two Months After Surgery for Musculoskeletal Trauma

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### Ortho influence on pain management



- Walter Crawford Kelly, Jr. (August 25, 1913 – October 18, 1973)



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Why are we so convinced that NSAIDs are bad for musculoskeletal tissues?

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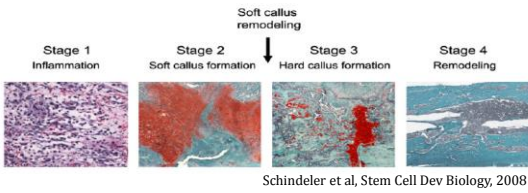
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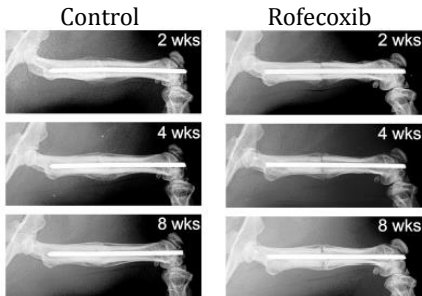
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### Secondary Bone Healing Models



Simon AM, et al., JBMR, 2002

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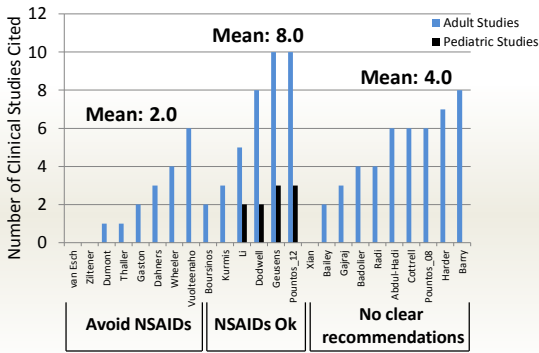
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### Literature Reviews



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Geusens et al Metabolic Bone Disease 2013

Table 2. Studies in humans on the effect of NSAIDs on fracture healing

References	Design	NSAID	Outcome
No effect			
Wurnig et al. [46]	Prospective	Indomethacin	Hip replacement: no effect on periprosthetic bone loss
Davis and Ackroyd [47]	RCT	Fluriprofen	Colles fracture
Adolphson et al. [48]	RCT	Piroxicam	Colles fracture
Sculean et al. [49]	RCT	Rofecoxib	Periodontal defects after periodontal surgery with enamel matrix proteins
Meunier et al. [50]	RCT	Celecoxib	Prosthesis migration, pain scores, range of motion, and subjective outcomes after total knee replacement
Vitale et al. [51]	Retrospective	Ketorolac	Reoperation after scoliosis surgery
Pradhan et al. [52]	Retrospective	Ketorolac (48 h)	Spinal fusion rate
Sacato et al. [53]	Retrospective	Ketorolac	Pseudarthrosis after spinal fusion
Horn et al. [54]	Retrospective	Ketorolac	Nonunion after spinal fusion

R, odds ratio; RCT, randomized-controlled trial; RR, relative risk.

General Review Pountous et al World J of Surg 2012

TABLE 3: The effect of NSAIDs on spinal fusion in humans.

Study/Year	Design	NSAID used	Conclusions and recommendations
Deguchi et al., 1998 [128]	Retrospective review of 73 patients undergoing primary or revision one or two level lumbar fusion	Not specified	(i) Patients who continued to take NSAIDs for more than 3 months postoperatively showed significantly lower fusion and success rates
Glassman et al., 1998 [129]	Retrospective review of 288 patients undergoing posterior L4 to sacral fusion	Ketorolac	(i) High rate of nonunion in spinal fusion (ii) Avoid NSAIDs in early postoperative period if recommended.
Vitale et al., 2003 [130]	Retrospective review of 208 children undergoing scoliosis correction	Ketorolac	(i) No significantly increase in complications, including transfusion and reoperation
Park et al., 2005 [131]	Retrospective review of 88 consecutive patients undergoing posterolateral lumbar fusion	Ketorolac	(i) The incidence of incomplete union or nonunion was much higher in the ketorolac group, and the relative risk was approximately 6 times higher than control group
Pradhan et al., 2008 [132]	Retrospective review of 405 consecutive patients undergoing one, two or three level posterolateral lumbar fusion	Ketorolac	(i) The use of ketorolac limited to 48 hours after surgery for adjunctive analgesia, has no significant effect on ultimate fusion rates.
Sacato et al., 2008 [133]	Retrospective review of 319 patients undergoing scoliosis correction	Ketorolac	(i) Ketorolac does not increase the incidence of developing a pseudarthrosis when used as an adjunct for postoperative analgesia
Lumwig et al., 2009 [134]	Retrospective review of 273 patients undergoing one or two level posterior lumbar fusion	Diclofenac	(i) Diclofenac sodium showed a dose-dependent inhibitory effect toward spinal fusion especially when used during the immediate postoperative period
Horn et al., 2010 [135]	Retrospective review of 46 pediatric patients who undergone spinal fusions for scoliosis	Ketorolac	(i) No clinical or radiographic evidence of curve progression, nonunion, or instrumentation failure.

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TABLE 4: Studies analyzing the effect of NSAIDs on

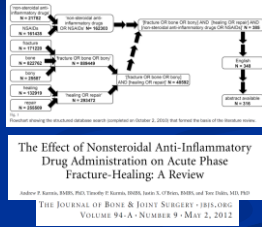
The prospective series show less adverse effects

Study/Year	Design	NSAID used	Conclusions and recommendations
Davis and Ackroyd, 1998 [136]	Prospective double-blinded study of 100 patients with Colles' fracture	Fluriprofen (50 mg TID)	(i) No effect on Colles' fracture.
Adolphson et al., 1993 [137]	Randomized double-blinded study on 42 postmenopausal women with colles fracture	Piroxicam	(i) No decrease of the rate of fracture healing (ii) Patients receiving piroxicam had significantly less pain (iii) No difference in the rate of functional recovery
Butcher and Marsh, 1996 [138]	Retrospective review of 94 patients with tibial fracture	Not specified	(i) Increase in the length of time to union by of 7.6 weeks ( $P = 0.0003$ ) (16.7 weeks versus 24.3 weeks).
Wurnig et al., 1999 [139]	80 prospective patients receiving indomethacin prophylaxis for THR compared with 82 patients without	Indomethacin (Oral 50 mg BID)	(i) No effect on prosthetic loosening after cementless hip arthroplasty
Glennoudis et al., 2000 [140]	Retrospective review of 377 patients treated with IM nail	Ibuprophen and Diclofenac	(i) Increased risk for nonunion in patients receiving NSAIDs
Bhandari et al., 2003 [141]	Retrospective review of 192 tibial shaft fractures	Not specified	(i) Relative risk of 2.02 ( $P = 0.035$ ) for patient who take NSAIDs
Burd et al., 2003 [142]	Retrospective review of 282 with acetabular fractures	Indomethacin	(i) Patients receiving indomethacin had increased risk for developing non-union
Sculean et al., 2003 [143]	Randomized blinded study on 20 patients with deep intrabony defect	Rofecoxib (25 mg/day for 14 days)	(i) No effect on the healing of intrabony periodontal defects
Bhattacharyya et al., 2003 [144]	Retrospective review of 999 humeral shaft fractures treated nonoperatively	Not specified	(i) Exposure to nonselective NSAIDs in the period 61-90 days after a humeral shaft fracture was associated with nonunion
Meunier et al., 2009 [145]	Randomized study involving 30 patients undergoing total knee replacement	Celecoxib (200 mg BID)	(i) No differences in prosthesis migration, pain scores, range of motion, and subjective outcome were found after 2 years



## Evidence Based Review

- The balance of evidence ... appears to suggest that a short-duration NSAID regimen is a safe and effective supplement to other modes of post-fracture pain control, without a significantly increased risk of sequelae related to disrupted healing




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## Non-selective NSAIDs

- Less effect on bone healing
  - Selective still helpful with side-effects of NSAIDs

Gerstenfeld J.C, Thiede M, Seibert K, Mielke C, Phippard D, Svarg B, Cullinane D, Einhorn TA. Differential inhibition of fracture healing by non-selective and cyclooxygenase-2 selective non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. J Orthop Res. 2003 Jul;21(4):670-5.

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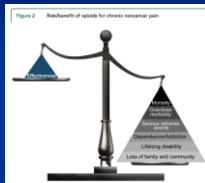
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## Are we OK with Opioid Monotherapy being the standard for musculoskeletal pain?

- Primarily US
- Past 15 to 20 years
- Industry driven
  - Multi-billion dollar industry
  - JCAHO/Joint Commission



**SPECIAL ARTICLE**  
**Neurology**  
**Opioids for chronic noncancer pain**  
 A position paper of the American Academy of Neurology  
 Gary M. Franklin, MD, MPH  
**Neurology® 2014;83:1277-1284**

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## Fraudulent Marketing: OxyContin

 A screenshot of a news article from 'The Virginian-Pilot' with the headline 'A Quality Plus, OxyContin Maker to Pay \$600 Million'. The article features a photo of three men in suits.
 

- “with the intent to defraud or mislead,” it marketed and promoted OxyContin as a drug that was less addictive, less subject to abuse and less likely to cause other narcotic side effects than other pain medications.

United States Attorney's Office Western District of Virginia [news release]. Available at: [http://www.usdoj.gov/epa/IGInformation/IGInformationReleases/prudie\\_frederick\\_1.pdf](http://www.usdoj.gov/epa/IGInformation/IGInformationReleases/prudie_frederick_1.pdf). Accessed September 11, 2008.

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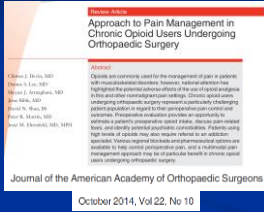
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## Pain Management: Opioid monotherapy vs. multimodal

- Opioid monotherapy
  - Short acting alone
  - Short and long acting
- Multi-modal
  - Short course, short-acting opioids
  - NSAIDS
  - Gabapentin




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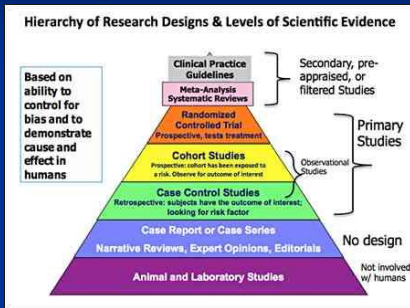
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## What is the evidence behind opioids for NCP?




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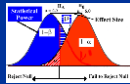
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**Outcomes Associated with Opioid Use in the Treatment of Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Among Older Adults: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**

Maria Papalontiou, MD<sup>1</sup>, Charles R. Henderson Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Barbara J. Turner, MD<sup>3</sup>, Alison A. Moore, MD, MPH<sup>4</sup>, Yelena Oshchovskaya, MD, PhD<sup>5</sup>, Leslie Anwarik, BS<sup>6</sup>, and M. Carrivickar, Reid, MD, PhD<sup>5</sup>  
*J Am Geriatr Soc*. 2010 July; 58(7):1353-1369

- Moderate improvements pain & physical function vs. placebo
- Comparable to NSAIDs or TCAs
- 30% adverse events
  - Nausea, dizziness
- 25% discontinued

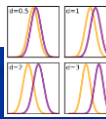


Meta-Analysis of Primary Outcomes

Outcome	No. of studies	No. of patients receiving placebo	No. of patients receiving opioid	Standardized mean difference (95% CI)	P-value	Number-needed-to-treat (95% CI)	Relative risk (95% CI)	Relative risk (95% CI)	Relative risk (95% CI)
Pain	10	1,000	1,000	-0.25 (0.33, -0.77)	0.001	1,948	0.71	0.69	0.73
Physical function	9	1,002	1,002	0.16 (0.06, 0.26)	0.001	1,917	0.41	0.41	0.41
Quality of life (physical)	9	1,002	1,002	0.16 (0.06, 0.26)	0.001	1,917	0.41	0.41	0.41
Quality of life (total)	9	1,002	1,002	0.16 (0.06, 0.26)	0.001	1,917	0.41	0.41	0.41
Quality of life (mental)	9	1,002	1,002	0.16 (0.06, 0.26)	0.001	1,917	0.41	0.41	0.41
Quality of life (social)	9	1,002	1,002	0.16 (0.06, 0.26)	0.001	1,917	0.41	0.41	0.41

Notes: NSAID, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug; TCAs, tricyclic antidepressants; CI, confidence interval; RR, relative risk. The absolute values are standardized differences scores (S.D.). The higher the standardized score, the better the patient's functional status. For the other outcomes, because of the significant differences between the groups.

\*Values included only randomized, placebo-controlled trials reporting outcomes to allow for an estimate of effect size.  
 †Only outcomes from the model for placebo.  
 ‡Only outcomes from the model for active treatment.  
 §Relative risk of the total population (opioid - placebo).  
 ¶Relative risk of the total population (opioid - placebo).



**REVIEW**  
**Opioids for chronic noncancer pain: a meta-analysis of effectiveness and side effects**  
 CMAJ • MAY 23, 2006 • 174(11)  
 Andrea D. Furlan, Juan A. Sandoval, Angela Mailis-Gagnon, Eldon Tunks

- Disclaimer: most studies industry funded...
- Only short term studies

Table 2: Duration of opioid therapy

Diagnosis	No. of studies	Duration of therapy (wk)		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Nociceptive pain	25	4.8	1	13
Neuropathic pain	12	4.4	1	6
Mixed pain	2	8.5	1	16
Fibromyalgia	2	8.8	6	11.5
Total	41	5.0	1	13

Table 1: Types and doses of opioid medications and their associated pain diagnosis

Medication*	Mean dose (range) mg/d	Type of pain diagnosed, no. of trials (patients)				Total no. of trials (patients)
		Nociceptive	Neuropathic	Mixed	Fibromyalgia	
Codone†	100 (50-180)	4 (252)	1 (3)	—	—	5 (255)
Codone/CE‡	200 (100-400)	2 (138)	—	—	—	2 (138)
Tramadol§	400	1 (84)	—	—	—	1 (84)
Naloxone	80 (50-120)	1 (226)	1 (152)	0 (49)	—	3 (387)
Naloxone/CE	75.5 (50-100)	1 (209)	3 (514)	—	—	4 (723)
Naloxone/SE	83.5 (50-100)	1 (81)	—	—	—	1 (81)
Hydrocodone§	46.2 (30-60)	1 (697)	—	—	—	1 (697)
Hydrocodone/CE	38.5 (30-120)	1 (133)	3 (254)	—	—	4 (387)
Hydrocodone/SE	61.5 (30-90)	—	—	1 (23)	—	1 (23)
Propoxyphene	260	—	3 (238)	—	—	3 (238)
Tramadol	200 (100-400)	11 (277)	4 (38)	—	2 (184)	17 (343)
Total	25 (100-400)	12 (271)	2 (73)	2 (184)	41 (387)	

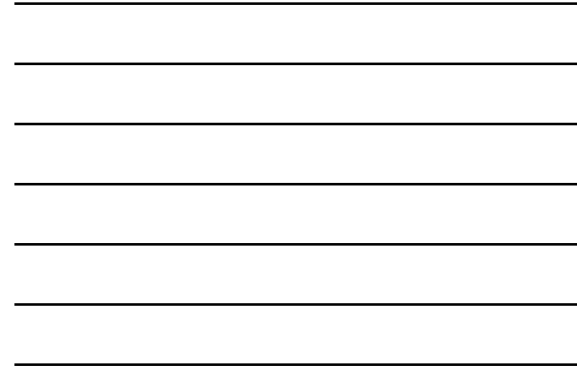
Only 2 studies up to 16 weeks



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- No difference functional outcome

- Opioids were effective in the treatment of CNCP overall; they reduced pain and improved functional outcomes better than placebo.
- Opioids were more effective than placebo for both nociceptive and neuropathic pain syndromes.
- Tramadol reduced pain and improved functional outcomes in patients with fibromyalgia.
- Strong opioids (oxycodone and morphine) were significantly superior, statistically, to naproxen and nortriptyline (respectively) for pain relief but not for functional outcomes.
- Weak opioids (propoxyphene, tramadol and codeine) did not significantly outperform NSAIDs or TCAs for either pain relief or functional outcomes.
- Clinically (> 10%) and statistically, only constipation and nausea were significantly more common with opioids.



## What about Chronic Non Cancer Pain (CNCP)?

- persons in chronic pain on opioids reported decreased pain relief, functional capacity, and quality of life vs persons in chronic pain not on opioids, adjusting for severity
- Opposite marketing claims



Eriksen J, Sjogren P, Bruera E, Ekholm O, Rasmussen NK. Critical issues on opioids in chronic non-cancer pain: an epidemiological study. Pain 2006;125:172-179

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## Are higher doses better?

- Liberally escalating dosage vs. "hold the line" dosage
  - No significant improvement primary pain and functional outcome escalating
  - 27% overall discharged from trial (misuse/noncompliance)



Naliboff BD, Wu SM, Schieffer B, et al. A randomized trial of 2 prescription strategies for opioid treatment of chronic nonmalignant pain. J Pain 2011;12:288-296.

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## Higher Opioid Doses Predict Poorer Functional Outcome in Patients with Chronic Disabling Occupational Musculoskeletal Disorders

By Cindy L. Kibben, PhD, Tom G. Moore, MD, and Robert J. Gatchel, PhD, ABPP  
Investigation performed at PRIDE Research Foundation, Dallas, Texas

J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2009;91:919-27

- Functional rehab
  - Yes – taking opioids
  - No – not taking
- Work return and retention inverse to dose

Opioid	No	Low	Medium	High	Very High	F value*	P†
Number of patients (% of total)	513 (57.8)	205 (23.1)	75 (8.5)	53 (6.0)	41 (4.6)		
Work return (%)	93.7	88.7	89.5	90.7	75.9	0.05	0.107
Work restriction (%)	85.2	70.1	63.0	69.0	55.2	<0.001	0.132
Surgery to same body part (%)	2.1	5.5	2.1	7.7	7.4	NS	
Seeking treatment from new provider (%)	14.0	28.8	36.7	28.2	29.6	0.001	0.052
New injury to same body part (%)	4.4	3.8	13.0	6.3	4.2	NS	
Workers' Compensation case settlement (%)	97.2	98.6	98.0	95.0	100.0	NS	
SSDI or SSI† (%)	1.9	5.7	3.9	4.5	18.5	0.03	0.176

\*NS = not significant, SSDI = Social Security Disability Income, SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

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### Naproxen With Cyclobenzaprine, Oxycodone/Acetaminophen, or Placebo for Treating Acute Low Back Pain A Randomized Clinical Trial

Bergersen W, Friedman, MD, MS, Andrew A, Dym, BS, Michele Dacht, MD, Lynne Holden, MD, Chimerica Soliz-Ramos, Ph.D., David Evans, MD, Ph.D., Blue, PhD, E. J. van Galenaghe, MD

JAMA. October 20, 2015. Volume 314, Number 15

- All 20 tablets of naproxen 500mg BID
- Randomized (PRN LBP)
  - Placebo
  - Cyclobenzaprine 5mg
  - Oxycodone 5/325
- No difference pain improvement 1 week or 3mos
- More adverse events

Characteristic	Placebo (n=100)	Cyclobenzaprine (n=100)	Oxycodone/Acetaminophen (n=100)
Mean (SD) age, years	46.2 (12.1)	46.2 (12.1)	46.2 (12.1)
Female, %	65	65	65
Mean (SD) duration of pain, weeks	10.2 (10.2)	10.2 (10.2)	10.2 (10.2)
Mean (SD) VAS score, mm	70 (10)	70 (10)	70 (10)
Mean (SD) Oswestry Disability Index score, %	45 (10)	45 (10)	45 (10)

Adverse Event	Placebo (n=100)	Cyclobenzaprine (n=100)	Oxycodone/Acetaminophen (n=100)
Headache	10	15	12
Dizziness	5	10	8
Nausea	2	5	3
Constipation	1	2	1
Somnolence	0	5	0

### Surgery always needs opioids, right?

#### Differences in Prescription of Narcotic Pain Medication After Operative Treatment of Hip and Ankle Fractures in the United States and the Netherlands

Anneluuk L. C. Lindenhovius, MSc, Gijts T. T. Helmerhorst, MSc, Alexandra C. Schnellen, MSc, Mark Vrahas, MD, David Ring, MD, and Peter Kloen, MD, PhD

The Journal of TRAUMA® Injury, Infection, and Critical Care • Volume 67, Number 1, July 2009

TABLE 3. Comparison of Narcotics Prescription Between Countries

	American	Dutch	p
Hip fractures			
Inpatient	85	58	<0.001
Outpatient	77	0	<0.001
Ankle fractures			
Inpatient	98	64	<0.001
Outpatient	82	6	<0.001

### Patient satisfaction: Cultural?

#### Satisfaction with pain relief after operative treatment of an ankle fracture

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<sup>5</sup>Injury, Int. J. Care Injured 43 (2012) 1958–1961

- Prospective, observational
- USA vs. Netherlands
  - Very few opioids in Netherlands

Group	Mean (SD) age, years	Mean (SD) VAS score, mm	Mean (SD) Oswestry Disability Index score, %	Mean (SD) pain score, mm	Mean (SD) pain score, mm	Satisfaction with pain relief, %	Acceptable pain at discharge, %
Non-operated arm	Mean	50	20	21	34	23	42
	Minimum	27	0	1	2	0	0
	Maximum	81	100	100	100	100	100
Operated arm	Mean	45	61	27	43	30	62
	Minimum	22	0	1	1	1	0
	Maximum	80	100	100	100	100	100
United States	Mean	42	50	18	43	33	63
	Minimum	22	1	1	2	2	0
	Maximum	75	100	100	100	100	100
Netherlands	Mean	48	51	21	36	24	43
	Minimum	22	0	1	1	1	0
	Maximum	80	100	100	100	100	100

## What about Satisfaction Scores?

- Higher opioid doses post-op
  - Greater reported pain
  - Decreased satisfaction with pain relief

### Opioid Use After Fracture Surgery Correlates With Pain Intensity and Satisfaction With Pain Relief

Arjan G. J. Bot MD, PhD, Sijla Bekkers BSc,  
 Paul M. Arnstein PhD, R. Malcolm Smith MD,  
 David Ring MD, PhD Clin Orthop Relat Res (2014) 472:2542-2549

Chen L, Vo T, Seefeld L, Malarick C, Houghton M, Ahmed S, Zhang Y, Cohen A, Retamozo C, St Hilaire K, Zhang V, Mao J.

Lack of correlation between opioid dose adjustment and pain score change in a group of chronic pain patients. *J Pain*. 2013; 14:384-392.

Trevino CM, deRoos-Cassini T, Brasel K. Does opiate use in traumatically injured individuals worsen pain and psychological outcomes? *J Pain*. 2013;14:424-430.

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## Gabapentin

- Neuropathic component
- Complex pain management
  - Previous opioid use
  - High dose requirements

Similar effect  
pregabalin

Advances in Therapeutics and Diagnostics  
 Gabapentin  
 Richard H. Rasmussen, MD  
 J Am Acad Orthop Surg 2002;10:153-156

Ho KY, Gan TJ, Habib AS. Gabapentin and postoperative pain—a systematic review of randomized controlled trials. *Pain*. 2006 Dec 15;126(1-3):91-101.

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## Gabapentin

- CRPS

Mellick GA, Mellicy LB, Mellick LB: Letter: Gabapentin in the management of reflex sympathetic dystrophy. J Pain Symptom Manage 1995;10:265-266.

- Long term doses up to 2400mg/day

- Short term doses up to 3600mg/day

- Acute pain

Werner MU, Perkins FM, Holte K, Pedersen JJ, Kehler H: Effects of gabapentin in acute inflammatory pain in humans. Reg Anesth Pain Med 2001;26:322-328.

- Neuropathic pain

Moore RA, Wiffen PJ, Derry S, Toelle T, Rice AS. Gabapentin for chronic neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2014 Apr 27;4:CD007938.

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**Table 2: Assessment of substantial benefit (defined as at least 50% pain intensity reduction) with gabapentin compared to placebo**

Condition	No. of RCTs	No. of patients	Patients with substantial benefit (%)	RR (95% CI)	NNT (95% CI)
PHN	6	1816	34 vs 21	1.6 (1.3 to 1.9)	8.0 (6.0 to 12)
DPN	6	1277	38 vs 21	1.9 (1.5 to 2.3)	5.9 (4.6 to 8.3)
Diabetic NP	1	305	21 vs 14	1.5 (0.9 to 2.4)	NC
NIP	1	98	13 vs 9	1.4 (0.7 to 3.2)	NC
Small fibre sensory neuropathy	1	18	22 vs 6	5 (0.65 to 38.65)	NC

CI = confidence interval, DPN = diabetic peripheral neuropathy, G = gabapentin, NC = not calculated, NIP = nerve injury pain, NNT = number needed to treat to benefit, NP = neuropathic pain, PHN = postherpetic neuralgia, plb = placebo, RCT = randomized controlled trial, RR = risk ratio, vs = versus

Gabapentin for Adults with Neuropathic Pain: A Review of the Clinical Efficacy and Safety [Internet]. Ottawa (ON): Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health; 2015 Apr 14.

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## NSAIDs Clinical Scenarios



- Contraindications

- Renal insufficiency
- Allergy
- Peptic Ulcer Disease

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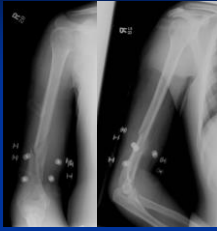
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## Non-operative injuries



Craig M, Jeavons R, Probert J, Bengler J. Randomised comparison of intravenous paracetamol and intravenous morphine for acute traumatic limb pain in the emergency department. *Emerg Med J.* 2012 Jan;29(1):37-9.

Davis TRC, Aekroyd CE. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatories in the treatment of Colles' fractures. *Br J Clin Pract* 1988;42(5):184-9.

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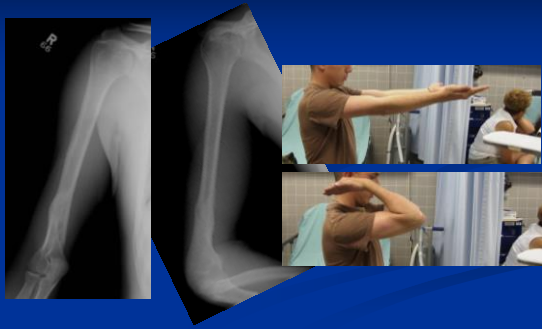
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## Healed, good function, pain free



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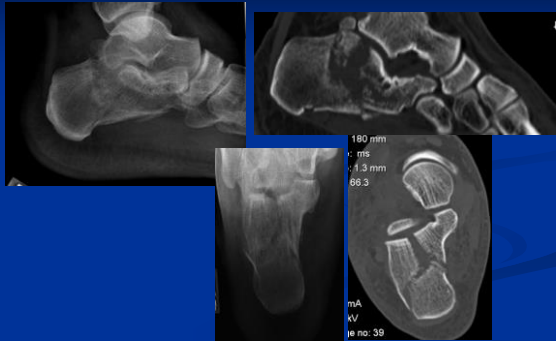
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## NSAIDs work after surgery

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Norman PH, Daley MD, Lindsey RW. Preemptive analgesic effects of ketorolac in ankle fracture surgery. *Anesthesiology.* 2001 Apr;94(4):599-603.

Derry CJ, Derry S, Moore RA, McQuay HJ. Single dose oral ibuprofen for acute postoperative pain in adults. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2009;(3):CD001548.

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## Ketorolac (Toradol)

- IV Ketorolac trometamol: as effective as morphine for surgical pain and pain related to cancer, and it has fewer side effects.

Gillis JC, Brogden RN. Ketorolac. A reappraisal of its pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic properties and therapeutic use in pain management. *Drugs* 1997;53:13988.

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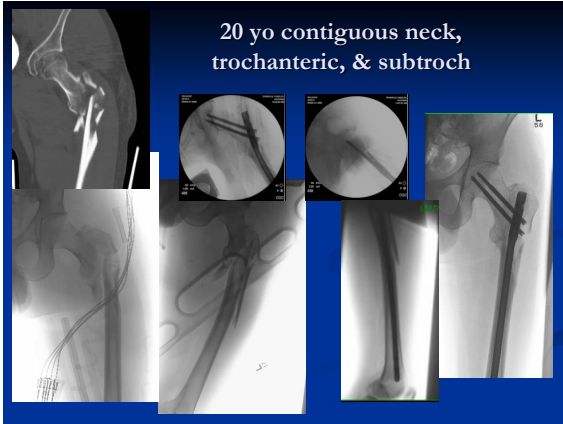
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### Operative injuries

- Cultural expectations
- Equivalent or better outcomes NSAIDs
  - Hip, ankle, and femur fractures

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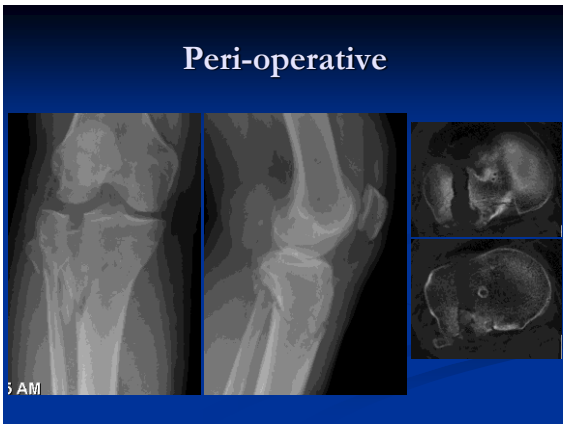
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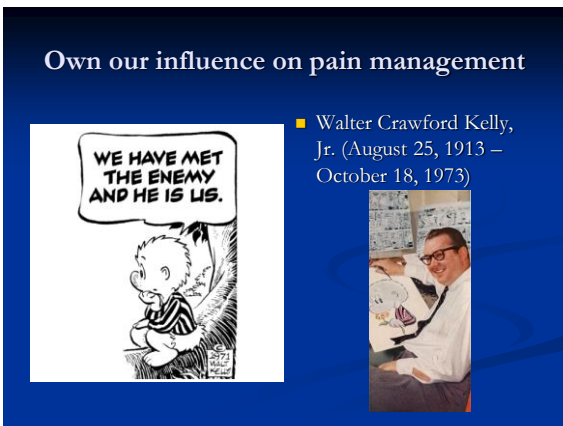
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50% of patients taking opioids  
for at least 3 months  
are still on opioids 5 years later

Martin BC, Fan MY, Edlund MJ, Devries A, Braden JB, Sullivan MD.  
Long-term chronic opioid therapy discontinuation rates from the TROUP study.  
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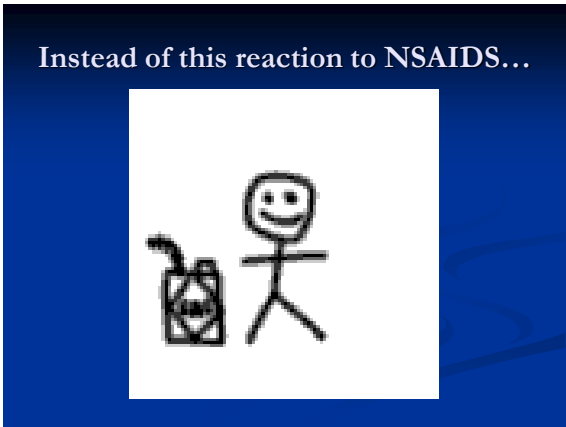
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- ### Weigh the facts
- NSAIDs and delayed bone healing
    - Clinical Association ≠ causation
    - Conflicting basic science
  - Opioids and delayed bone healing
    - Clinical Association ≠ causation
    - Some evidence in basic science
  - Opioids and dependence
    - Causation clear
  - Opioids and death
    - Causation clear

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What are we doing about it?



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### Prescription Reporting with Immediate Medication Utilization Mapping (PRIMUM)

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- **Goals:**
  - 1) To identify patients at high risk for misuse, abuse, and diversion of prescription opioids and benzodiazepines.
  - 2) To provide critical information to the prescriber at the point of care in order to inform clinical decision-making



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### Intervention: Alert System

- Prescriber selects controlled substance
- EMR searches patient chart for defined risk factors for abuse/misuse/diversion
- Provides prescriber with alert
- Prescriber can continue or discontinue script.



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Diagnosis: (1 of 2)

**Cerner** **\*Prescription Narcotic Alert\***

Your patient has triggered a **\*\*\*Prescription Narcotic Alert\*\*\***

You are attempting to order a prescription narcotic. The following details of **UNCSXMSG WG, NSCGO YELXC**'s history need(s) to be evaluated prior to completion of this order:

**History of Positive toxicology screen**  
 Marijuana, POSITIVE, 09/17/2006 10:19, CMC  
 BAC, POSITIVE, 09/17/2006 02:30, CMC

Rule: CHS\_PRIMUM\_HIGH\_RISK

**Alert Action**

Cancel prescription  
 Continue prescription

OK




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**What can be done?**

- Become conversant in the problem
- Stop prescribing long acting
- Multi-modal pain management
- Local policy
- Utilize PDMP or implement decision support




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# Useful Tools and Tips on Opioids

- Difficult discussion
- Frame as patient safety
- Enroll reasonable family member
  - If available
- Consistent policies and procedures
  - Blame the policy




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# Assess sedation: Pasero scale

## Pasero Opioid-induced Sedation Scale (POSS)

S = Sleep, easy to arouse

Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed

1. Awake and alert

Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed

2. Slightly drowsy; easily aroused

Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed

3. Frequently drowsy, arousable, drifts off to sleep during conversation

Unacceptable; monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely until sedation level is stable at less than 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory; decrease opioid dose 25% to 50% or notify prescriber or anesthesiologist for orders; consider administering a non-sedating, opioid-sparing nonopioid, such as acetaminophen or an NSAID, if not contraindicated.

4. Somnolent, minimal or no response to verbal or physical stimulation

Unacceptable; stop opioid; consider administering naloxone; notify prescriber or anesthesiologist; monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely until sedation level is stable at less than 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory.

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# Assess risk with MME Calculator

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## Multi-modal strategy

- Short acting opioids
  - 8 weeks maximum
    - Refer to pain management if requiring more narcotics
- NSAIDs
  - Non-selective:
    - Ibuprofen, naproxen, etc.
  - Selective if GI risk:
    - Meloxicam (generic)
- Gabapentin
  - Up to 1800 mg/day effective
  - Increased evening dose
- No sustained-release opioids
- No sedative-hypnotics
  - Benzos, ambien, etc.



"Primum non nocere"

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## Thank you




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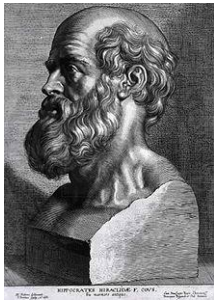
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## Discussion




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