



Opioids and heroin: The ongoing public health crisis

Prescription opioids, when used as medically directed, can be effective tools in the treatment of pain. However, when abused, their use can result in addiction and often a transition to more affordable heroin. This trend is on the rise and is readily apparent to first responders, emergency medical and other health professionals, law enforcement officers, school-based counselors, correctional workers, addiction treatment providers and social service professionals.

Popular presenter Carol Falkowski brings this FREE presentation to all United Hospital staff to enhance your knowledge of opioid and heroin addiction, its impact on the community, how the addiction crisis can lead to emergency room visits and hospitalizations, and how to meet patient's needs. Carol will describe the nature and extent of this issue using data from multiple sources, and the steps taken to address it, including naloxone distribution to reverse opiate overdoses, the 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain and prescription drug monitoring programs.

During this presentation, you'll learn the:

- Nature and extent of prescription opioid use and abuse and the common transition to heroin addiction.
- Multiple factors that contributed to this situation.
- Process of addiction and principles of addiction treatment.
- Challenges of individuals, families and communities in addressing the painkiller/heroin issue.

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