

The Opioid Crisis in the Era of Fake News

When the topic is the opioid crisis, what is fact and what is fiction – especially in this era of information overload? Exactly how widespread and long-term is the opioid problem?

Carol Falkowski is one of Minnesota's foremost experts on drug abuse. Her presentation highlighted the nature and scope of the opioid crisis and outlined the challenges of effectively addressing it on multiple fronts.

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