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80% of people who use heroin reported using prescription opioids prior to heroin.

77% of patients expected opioids after surgery.

U.S. and Pennsylvania Opioid Prescribing Rate per 100 persons.
Engage patients in developing and disseminating health literate materials that raise awareness about the management of surgical pain and the prevention of opioid use disorder.

Collaborate with surgeons and surgical teams to implement strategies that prevent opioid use disorder among surgical patients while managing postoperative pain.

**Pre-Operative**
- Screening and risk assessment
- Counseling
- Referral

**Peri-Operative**
- Reduction in opioid prescribing
- Use of multi-modal and non-pharmacologic alternatives

**Post-Operative**
- Patient education
- Disposal
- Post-surgical pain management

POSSE program participants include surgical project teams from over 40 hospitals across the state of Pennsylvania. These hospitals are situated in 16 counties throughout the state, but may serve patients from broader geographic areas.

**Sources**