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#	ARTICLE	IF	CITATIONS
1	Systematic Review: Opioid Treatment for Chronic Back Pain: Prevalence, Efficacy, and Association with Addiction. <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> , 2007, 146, 116.	2.0	650
2	Non-medical use, abuse and dependence on prescription opioids among U.S. adults: Psychiatric, medical and substance use correlates. <i>Drug and Alcohol Dependence</i> , 2008, 94, 38-47.	1.6	357
3	Genome-wide association study of alcohol consumption and use disorder in 274,424 individuals from multiple populations. <i>Nature Communications</i> , 2019, 10, 1499.	5.8	346
4	Systematic Review: Treatment Agreements and Urine Drug Testing to Reduce Opioid Misuse in Patients With Chronic Pain. <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> , 2010, 152, 712.	2.0	256
5	A Partnered Approach to Opioid Management, Guideline Concordant Care and the Stepped Care Model of Pain Management. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2014, 29, 870-876.	1.3	253
6	Patient Outcomes in Dose Reduction or Discontinuation of Long-Term Opioid Therapy. <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> , 2017, 167, 181.	2.0	252
7	Barriers and facilitators to use of non-pharmacological treatments in chronic pain. <i>BMC Family Practice</i> , 2017, 18, 41.	2.9	169
8	Gender and non-medical use of prescription opioids: results from a national US survey*. <i>Addiction</i> , 2008, 103, 258-268.	1.7	152
9	Long-Term Treatment with Buprenorphine/Naloxone in Primary Care: Results at 2-5 Years. <i>American Journal on Addictions</i> , 2008, 17, 116-120.	1.3	139
10	The musculoskeletal diagnosis cohort: examining pain and pain care among veterans. <i>Pain</i> , 2016, 157, 1696-1703.	2.0	123
11	Low Use of Opioid Risk Reduction Strategies in Primary Care Even for High Risk Patients with Chronic Pain. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2011, 26, 958-964.	1.3	118
12	Prescription opioid misuse in the United States and the United Kingdom: Cautionary lessons. <i>International Journal of Drug Policy</i> , 2014, 25, 1124-1130.	1.6	114
13	Racial Differences in Primary Care Opioid Risk Reduction Strategies. <i>Annals of Family Medicine</i> , 2011, 9, 219-225.	0.9	107
14	Integrating Buprenorphine Treatment into Office-based Practice: a Qualitative Study. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2009, 24, 218-225.	1.3	102
15	Receipt of Opioid Analgesics by HIV-Infected and Uninfected Patients. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2013, 28, 82-90.	1.3	100
16	Previous Use of Alcohol, Cigarettes, and Marijuana and Subsequent Abuse of Prescription Opioids in Young Adults. <i>Journal of Adolescent Health</i> , 2013, 52, 158-163.	1.2	95
17	Opioids, Chronic Pain, and Addiction in Primary Care. <i>Journal of Pain</i> , 2010, 11, 1442-1450.	0.7	92
18	Non-medical use, abuse and dependence on sedatives and tranquilizers among U.S. adults: Psychiatric and socio-demographic correlates. <i>Drug and Alcohol Dependence</i> , 2007, 90, 280-287.	1.6	87

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19	Non-medical use of prescription opioids is associated with heroin initiation among US veterans: a prospective cohort study. <i>Addiction</i> , 2016, 111, 2021-2031.	1.7	87
20	Prevalence and correlates for nonmedical use of prescription opioids among urban and rural residents. <i>Drug and Alcohol Dependence</i> , 2013, 127, 156-162.	1.6	76
21	Association of Prescribed Opioids With Increased Risk of Community-Acquired Pneumonia Among Patients With and Without HIV. <i>JAMA Internal Medicine</i> , 2019, 179, 297.	2.6	75
22	Long-term Prescription of Opioids and/or Benzodiazepines and Mortality Among HIV-Infected and Uninfected Patients. <i>Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes (1999)</i> , 2015, 69, 223-233.	0.9	73
23	Racial disparities in discontinuation of long-term opioid therapy following illicit drug use among black and white patients. <i>Drug and Alcohol Dependence</i> , 2018, 192, 371-376.	1.6	71
24	Opioid use disorder in the United States: Insurance status and treatment access. <i>Drug and Alcohol Dependence</i> , 2008, 94, 207-213.	1.6	65
25	The Association Between Chronic Pain and Prescription Drug Abuse in Veterans. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2009, 10, 531-536.	0.9	63
26	Genome-wide association study of smoking trajectory and meta-analysis of smoking status in 842,000 individuals. <i>Nature Communications</i> , 2020, 11, 5302.	5.8	59
27	Pain and Addiction. <i>Medical Clinics of North America</i> , 2018, 102, 745-763.	1.1	50
28	Brief Report: The Association of Chronic Pain and Long-Term Opioid Therapy With HIV Treatment Outcomes. <i>Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes (1999)</i> , 2018, 79, 77-82.	0.9	47
29	Nonmedical use of prescription opioids and pain in veterans with and without HIV. <i>Pain</i> , 2011, 152, 1133-1138.	2.0	46
30	Trends in Any and High-Dose Opioid Analgesic Receipt Among Aging Patients With and Without HIV. <i>AIDS and Behavior</i> , 2016, 20, 679-686.	1.4	45
31	Nonmedical Use of Opioid Analgesics Obtained Directly From Physicians: Prevalence and Correlates. <i>Archives of Internal Medicine</i> , 2011, 171, 1034.	4.3	41
32	Psychological Interventions for the Treatment of Chronic Pain in Adults. <i>Psychological Science in the Public Interest: A Journal of the American Psychological Society</i> , 2021, 22, 52-95.	6.7	40
33	Smoking Status and Pain Intensity Among OEF/OIF/OND Veterans. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2015, 16, 1690-1696.	0.9	38
34	A Research Agenda for Advancing Non-pharmacological Management of Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain: Findings from a VHA State-of-the-art Conference. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2018, 33, 11-15.	1.3	37
35	Managing Concerning Behaviors in Patients Prescribed Opioids for Chronic Pain: A Delphi Study. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2018, 33, 166-176.	1.3	37
36	Comparative mortality among Department of Veterans Affairs patients prescribed methadone or long-acting morphine for chronic pain. <i>Pain</i> , 2011, 152, 1789-1795.	2.0	35

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37	Complex Persistent Opioid Dependence with Long-term Opioids: a Gray Area That Needs Definition, Better Understanding, Treatment Guidance, and Policy Changes. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2020, 35, 964-971.	1.3	33
38	Integrating Interdisciplinary Pain Management into Primary Care: Development and Implementation of a Novel Clinical Program. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2014, 15, 2046-2054.	0.9	30
39	Racial and Ethnic Differences in Total Knee Arthroplasty in the Veterans Affairs Health Care System, 2001-2013. <i>Arthritis Care and Research</i> , 2017, 69, 1171-1178.	1.5	28
40	Predictors of Resolution of Aberrant Drug Behavior in Chronic Pain Patients Treated in a Structured Opioid Risk Management Program. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2009, 10, 858-865.	0.9	27
41	Provider Satisfaction with Office-Based Treatment of Opioid Dependence. <i>Substance Abuse</i> , 2006, 26, 15-22.	1.1	26
42	Opioid Use Among Veterans of Recent Wars Receiving Veterans Affairs Chiropractic Care. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2018, 19, S54-S60.	0.9	26
43	Measurement of adherence to clinical practice guidelines for opioid therapy for chronic pain. <i>Translational Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2012, 2, 57-64.	1.2	24
44	The Association Between Receipt of Guideline-Concordant Long-Term Opioid Therapy and All-Cause Mortality. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2016, 31, 492-501.	1.3	24
45	AUDIT and ICD codes as phenotypes for harmful alcohol use: association with <i>ADH1B</i> polymorphisms in two US populations. <i>Addiction</i> , 2018, 113, 2214-2224.	1.7	24
46	Clinician Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practice Regarding Cannabis: Results from a National Veterans Health Administration Survey. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2020, 21, 3180-3186.	0.9	24
47	A Case Series of Buprenorphine/Naloxone Treatment in a Primary Care Practice. <i>Substance Abuse</i> , 2011, 32, 262-265.	1.1	23
48	Instruments to assess patient-reported safety, efficacy, or misuse of current opioid therapy for chronic pain: A systematic review. <i>Pain</i> , 2013, 154, 905-916.	2.0	23
49	Faculty Development in Small-Group Teaching Skills Associated with a Training Course on Office-Based Treatment of Opioid Dependence. <i>Substance Abuse</i> , 2005, 25, 35-40.	1.1	20
50	Variation in National Opioid Prescribing Patterns Following Surgery for Kidney Stones. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2018, 19, S12-S18.	0.9	20
51	Multimodal Treatment Options, Including Rotating to Buprenorphine, Within a Multidisciplinary Pain Clinic for Patients on Risky Opioid Regimens: A Quality Improvement Study. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2018, 19, S38-S45.	0.9	20
52	Management of patients with issues related to opioid safety, efficacy and/or misuse: a case series from an integrated, interdisciplinary clinic. <i>Addiction Science & Clinical Practice</i> , 2016, 11, 3.	1.2	19
53	Project STEP: Implementing the Veterans Health Administration's Stepped Care Model of Pain Management. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2018, 19, S30-S37.	0.9	19
54	Duration of opioid prescriptions predicts incident nonmedical use of prescription opioids among U.S. veterans receiving medical care. <i>Drug and Alcohol Dependence</i> , 2018, 191, 348-354.	1.6	19

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55	â€œI'm Talking About Painâ€ Sickle cell disease patients with extremely high hospital use. Journal of Hospital Medicine, 2013, 8, 42-46.	0.7	18
56	Management of problematic behaviours among individuals on long-term opioid therapy: protocol for a Delphi study. BMJ Open, 2016, 6, e011619.	0.8	18
57	Use of Non-Pharmacological Pain Treatment Modalities Among Veterans with Chronic Pain: Results from a Cross-Sectional Survey. Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2018, 33, 54-60.	1.3	18
58	Source of prescription drugs used nonmedically in rural and urban populations. American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, 2014, 40, 292-303.	1.1	17
59	Guideline-Concordant Management of Opioid Therapy Among Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)-Infected and Uninfected Veterans. Journal of Pain, 2014, 15, 1130-1140.	0.7	17
60	Limited evidence, faulty reasoning, and potential for a global opioid crisis. BMJ: British Medical Journal, 2017, 358, j3115.	2.4	17
61	Mixed methods formative evaluation of a collaborative care program to decrease risky opioid prescribing and increase non-pharmacologic approaches to pain management. Addictive Behaviors, 2018, 86, 138-145.	1.7	17
62	Accidental drug overdose deaths in Connecticut, 2012â€2018: The rise of polysubstance detection?. Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 2019, 205, 107671.	1.6	17
63	Trajectories of Self-Reported Opioid Use Among Patients With HIV Engaged in Care: Results From a National Cohort Study. Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes (1999), 2020, 84, 26-36.	0.9	17
64	A Research Agenda for Enhancing Appropriate Opioid Prescribing in Primary Care. Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2013, 28, 1364-1367.	1.3	15
65	Validating Harmful Alcohol Use as a Phenotype for Genetic Discovery Using Phosphatidylethanol and a Polymorphism in <i>ADH1B</i> . Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, 2017, 41, 998-1003.	1.4	15
66	Marijuana Use Is Not Associated With Changes in Opioid Prescriptions or Pain Severity Among People Living With HIV and Chronic Pain. Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes (1999), 2019, 81, 231-237.	0.9	15
67	Opioids for chronic pain management in patients with dialysis-dependent kidney failure. Nature Reviews Nephrology, 2022, 18, 113-128.	4.1	14
68	Patterns and Correlates of Prescription Opioid Receipt Among US Veterans: A National, 18-Year Observational Cohort Study. AIDS and Behavior, 2019, 23, 3340-3349.	1.4	13
69	Merging statewide data in a public/university collaboration to address opioid use disorder and overdose. Addiction Science & Clinical Practice, 2021, 16, 1.	1.2	13
70	The Safety of Opioid Analgesics in the Elderly: New Data Raise New Concerns. Archives of Internal Medicine, 2010, 170, 1986.	4.3	12
71	A Research Agenda for Advancing Strategies to Improve Opioid Safety: Findings from a VHA State of the Art Conference. Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2020, 35, 978-982.	1.3	12
72	Stakeholder Engagement in Pragmatic Clinical Trials: Emphasizing Relationships to Improve Pain Management Delivery and Outcomes. Pain Medicine, 2020, 21, S13-S20.	0.9	12

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73	Perioperative Buprenorphine Management. <i>Medical Clinics of North America</i> , 2022, 106, 169-185.	1.1	12
74	Characteristics and Outcomes of Patients Discharged from the Opioid Renewal Clinic at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. <i>American Journal on Addictions</i> , 2009, 18, 135-139.	1.3	11
75	Buprenorphine/Naloxone Dose and Pain Intensity Among Individuals Initiating Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder. <i>Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment</i> , 2015, 48, 128-131.	1.5	11
76	Group Visits for Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution in Primary Care: A Pilot Quality Improvement Initiative. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2017, 18, 2325-2330.	0.9	11
77	Testing implementation facilitation of a primary care-based collaborative care clinical program using a hybrid type III interrupted time series design: a study protocol. <i>Implementation Science</i> , 2018, 13, 145.	2.5	11
78	Federal Plan for Prescriber Education on Opioids Misses Opportunities. <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> , 2012, 157, 205.	2.0	10
79	Racial/ethnic differences in report of drug testing practices at the workplace level in the U.S.. <i>American Journal on Addictions</i> , 2014, 23, 357-362.	1.3	10
80	Cigarette Smoking Status and Receipt of an Opioid Prescription Among Veterans of Recent Wars. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2016, 18, pnw223.	0.9	10
81	Priming primary care providers to engage in evidence-based discussions about cannabis with patients. <i>Addiction Science & Clinical Practice</i> , 2019, 14, 42.	1.2	10
82	Working with HIV clinics to adopt addiction treatment using implementation facilitation (WHAT-IF?): Rationale and design for a hybrid type 3 effectiveness-implementation study. <i>Contemporary Clinical Trials</i> , 2020, 98, 106156.	0.8	10
83	The Effect of Substance Use Disorders on the Association Between Guideline-concordant Long-term Opioid Therapy and All-cause Mortality. <i>Journal of Addiction Medicine</i> , 2016, 10, 418-428.	1.4	9
84	Dual Use of Department of Veterans Affairs and Medicare Benefits on High-Risk Opioid Prescriptions in Veterans Aged 65 Years and Older: Insights from the VA Musculoskeletal Disorders Cohort. <i>Health Services Research</i> , 2018, 53, 5402-5418.	1.0	9
85	Strategies for Flipping the Script on Opioid Overprescribing. <i>JAMA Internal Medicine</i> , 2016, 176, 7.	2.6	8
86	Medical Marijuana in Patients Prescribed Opioids. <i>Mayo Clinic Proceedings</i> , 2016, 91, 830-832.	1.4	7
87	Signature Informed Consent for Long-Term Opioid Therapy in Patients With Cancer: Perspectives of Patients and Providers. <i>Journal of Pain and Symptom Management</i> , 2020, 59, 49-57.	0.6	7
88	A Brief, Integrated, Telephone-Based Intervention for Veterans Who Smoke and Have Chronic Pain: A Feasibility Study. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2018, 19, S84-S92.	0.9	6
89	Disagreement and Uncertainty Among Experts About how to Respond to Marijuana Use in Patients on Long-term Opioids for Chronic Pain: Results of a Delphi Study. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2020, 21, 247-254.	0.9	6
90	Detecting Opioid-Related Aberrant Behavior using Natural Language Processing. <i>AMIA ... Annual Symposium proceedings</i> , 2017, 2017, 1179-1185.	0.2	6

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91	Association Between Urine Drug Test Results and Treatment Outcome in High-Risk Chronic Pain Patients on Opioids. <i>Journal of Addiction Medicine</i> , 2010, 4, 167-173.	1.4	5
92	Are we missing opioid-related deaths among people with HIV?. <i>Drug and Alcohol Dependence</i> , 2020, 212, 108003.	1.6	5
93	How Patients and Providers Weigh the Risks and Benefits of Long-Term Opioid Therapy for Cancer Pain. <i>JCO Oncology Practice</i> , 2021, 17, e1038-e1047.	1.4	5
94	Risk Factors Associated With Nonfatal Opioid Overdose Leading to Intensive Care Unit Admission: A Cross-sectional Study. <i>JMIR Medical Informatics</i> , 2021, 9, e32851.	1.3	5
95	Impact of complex, partially nested clustering in a three-arm individually randomized group treatment trial: A case study with the wHOPE trial. <i>Clinical Trials</i> , 2022, 19, 3-13.	0.7	5
96	Arguments for and Against a New Diagnostic Entity for Patients With Chronic Pain on Long-Term Opioid Therapy for Whom Harms Outweigh Benefits. <i>Journal of Pain</i> , 2022, 23, 958-966.	0.7	5
97	Rigorous Epidemiologic Work Shows Positive Impact of VHA's Efforts to Rein in Opioid Prescribing. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2016, 17, 1209-1210.	0.9	4
98	Ultra-“High-Dose Opioids With Low Efficacy and Significant Harm” Time to Make a Change. <i>JAMA Internal Medicine</i> , 2017, 177, 17.	2.6	4
99	Understanding Pain and Pain Treatment for Veterans: Responding to the Federal Pain Research Strategy. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2018, 19, S1-S4.	0.9	4
100	Opioid Prescriptions and Short-Term Mortality: a U.S. National Study. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2020, 35, 656-661.	1.3	4
101	Tailored to Fit. <i>Medical Care</i> , 2020, 58, S80-S87.	1.1	4
102	I smoke to cope with pain: patients's perspectives on the link between cigarette smoking and pain. <i>Wiener Klinische Wochenschrift</i> , 2021, 133, 1012-1019.	1.0	4
103	Mounting a Scientifically Informed Response to the Opioid Crisis in the Veterans Health Administration. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2020, 35, 883-885.	1.3	3
104	Cannabis use, pain interference, and prescription opioid receipt among persons with HIV: a target trial emulation study. <i>AIDS Care - Psychological and Socio-Medical Aspects of AIDS/HIV</i> , 2022, 34, 469-477.	0.6	3
105	Pain and smoking study (PASS): A comparative effectiveness trial of smoking cessation counseling for veterans with chronic pain. <i>Contemporary Clinical Trials Communications</i> , 2021, 23, 100839.	0.5	3
106	Federal plan for prescriber education on opioids misses opportunities. <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> , 2012, 157, 205-6.	2.0	3
107	Initial development of patient-reported instrument assessing harm, efficacy, and misuse of long-term opioid therapy. <i>Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development</i> , 2016, 53, 127-136.	1.6	2
108	Impact of Cigarette Smoking Status on Pain Intensity Among Veterans With and Without Hepatitis C. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2018, 19, S5-S11.	0.9	2

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109	Association of prescription opioids and incident cardiovascular risk factors among post-9/11 Veterans. <i>Preventive Medicine</i> , 2020, 134, 106036.	1.6	2
110	Sociodemographic and clinical correlates of gabapentin receipt with and without opioids among a national cohort of patients with HIV. <i>AIDS Care - Psychological and Socio-Medical Aspects of AIDS/HIV</i> , 2022, 34, 1053-1063.	0.6	2
111	A Facility-Wide Plan to Increase Access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder in Primary Care and General Mental Health Settings. , 2021, 38, 460-464.		2
112	Perceived Pain and Smoking Interrelations Among Veterans with Chronic Pain Enrolled in a Smoking Cessation Trial. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2022, 23, 1820-1827.	0.9	2
113	Commentary on Ilgen <i>et al</i> . (2016): Integrating chronic pain programs into addiction treatment—full steam ahead. <i>Addiction</i> , 2016, 111, 1394-1395.	1.7	1
114	Capsule Commentary on Alford <i>et al.</i> , Primary Care Patients with Drug Use Report Chronic Pain and Self-Medicating with Alcohol and Other Drugs. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2016, 31, 533-533.	1.3	1
115	Reply to Ruan <i>et al</i> . (2017): Non-medical use of prescription opioids is associated with heroin initiation among US veterans. <i>Addiction</i> , 2017, 112, 728-729.	1.7	1
116	Opioids Are Not Better than Non-opioid Pain Medications for Chronic Back, Hip, or Knee Pain. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2019, 34, 1854-1856.	1.3	1
117	Classification of Patients for Whom Benefit of Long-term Opioid Therapy No Longer Outweighs Harm: Protocol for a Delphi Study. <i>JMIR Research Protocols</i> , 2022, 11, e33310.	0.5	1
118	Reply to Osborne & Serdarevic (2017): Potential impact of exposure definition when examining non-medical use of prescription opioids among US veterans. <i>Addiction</i> , 2017, 112, 1510-1511.	1.7	0
119	Patient and Public Safety Maximized by Rapid Opioid Taper—Reply. <i>JAMA Internal Medicine</i> , 2017, 177, 896.	2.6	0
120	Important Steps Towards a Clinically Actionable Predictive Model of Opioid Overdose Among Patients on Long-term Opioid Therapy. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2018, 33, 1594-1595.	1.3	0
121	News Media Recommendations for Opioid Disposal: Keeping Flush with the Guidelines?. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2019, 20, 1645-1646.	0.9	0
122	Improving Guideline Adherence for Opioid Prescribing in Community Health Centers. <i>Pain Medicine</i> , 2020, 21, 1739-1741.	0.9	0
123	“Clues” That Patients May Be Willing to Consider Opioid Reductions. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2020, 35, 1629-1630.	1.3	0
124	Decision-Making Capacity, Opioid Use Disorder, and the 3-Stage Model of Addiction. <i>Mayo Clinic Proceedings</i> , 2021, 96, 2040-2042.	1.4	0
125	In reply: Prescribing opioids (March 2016). <i>Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine</i> , 2016, 83, 554.2-555.	0.6	0