

ALLIED AGAINST Opioid Abuse

Allied Against Opioid Abuse is a national education and awareness initiative to help prevent the abuse and misuse of prescription opioids. Founded by the Healthcare Distribution Alliance, the initiative is a collaborative effort with diverse partners across the pharmaceutical supply chain, as well as organizations that are experts in public health and healthcare.

Partners



Our Focus: Education About a Patient's Rights, Risks and Responsibilities Associated with Prescription Opioids

Rights

Make sure to get the information you need to make an informed decision about your prescription medication. If you receive a prescription opioid, consider asking for a partial fill, which limits the number of pills you take home initially. Partial fill can be a useful tool to limit the supply of opioids available at home, reducing the risk of misuse.

Risks

Prescription opioids carry serious risk of addiction or overdose, especially with prolonged use. Talk to your healthcare professional and make sure you understand these risks and potential side effects.

Responsibilities

You can help prevent abuse and misuse by properly storing your prescription opioids in a secure place and then safely disposing of any unused medication. If you aren't sure whether your prescription is an opioid, ask your healthcare professional or pharmacist.

AAOA Programs

Patient and Consumer Resources —



[AAOA-National Consumers League \(NCL\) Toolkit](#)

The AAOA-NCL Toolkit is a suite of resources, including a fact sheet to dispel myths about prescription opioids, a guide to how consumers can prevent opioid abuse and misuse and an FAQ to answer common questions patients have about the rights, risks and responsibilities associated with prescription opioids.

[AAOA-HealthyWomen Toolkit](#)

The AAOA-HealthyWomen Toolkit provides materials tailored for women as both patients and caregivers, including a fact sheet highlighting what women should know when opioids are prescribed, a conversation guide to help navigate discussions between patients and providers and a resource with information to help ensure opioids are safely and securely stored at home.

[Patient Education Videos](#)

A series of videos featuring providers from The Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic who share helpful information for patients and caregivers.

- [Managing Pain After Surgery: What You Need to Know](#)
- [Three Questions to Ask Your Provider](#)
- [Three Things You Need to Know About Prescription Opioids](#)

Provider Engagement —



[Pharmacy Toolkit](#)

In coordination with our pharmacy partners, AAOA developed a suite of tools to help pharmacists engage with and educate patients about the safe use, storage and disposal of prescription opioids. The toolkit includes patient and prescriber engagement guides, a pharmacy display item and a patient handout, as well as other helpful resources.

[Pledge to Pause](#)

The PA Foundation and AAOA are working together to encourage physician assistant students to pause and talk to their patients about the treatment options available for pain, risks associated with prescription opioids and their responsibility to appropriately store and dispose of leftover medications when prescribing an opioid medication.