

AAOA POLL SUPPORTS

Enhanced Communication Around Alternative Pain Treatments, Partial-Fill Prescription Options



The survey findings suggest that greater education and outreach is needed to support enhanced communication and to raise awareness about patients' rights associated with proper and safe use of opioids.

Patients have certain rights when it comes to managing and filling opioid prescriptions. In addition to asking about alternative pain treatments, in many states patients have the right to partially fill a prescription. Partial fills allow patients to take home a smaller opioid prescription and return for the remainder later, if needed. This can reduce the prevalence of unused pills in the home, therefore reducing the likelihood of abuse and misuse of opioid medications.



Approximately 67%

of respondents said they **have not talked to their healthcare provider about alternative pain treatments** to prescription opioids.



Nearly 50%

said they **do not know about partial-fill prescription options** for opioids.



More than 33%

said they would opt to have their **next prescription partially filled**.



AAOA is taking this issue on directly by raising awareness about the rights, risks and responsibilities associated with opioid use to ensure patients and their families know how to safely and properly use, store and dispose of opioids. To learn more, visit www.AgainstOpioidAbuse.org or follow us on Twitter: [@AAOA_Tweets](https://twitter.com/AAOA_Tweets).

Allied Against Opioid Abuse is a national education and awareness initiative to help prevent abuse and misuse of prescription opioids. Our goal is to contribute to solving the opioid crisis in a meaningful way by educating patients about their rights, risks and responsibilities.

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