

Poll Supports Greater Patient-Provider Communication Around Prescription Opioid Safety

Enhanced patient-provider communication plays a significant role in preventing the potential misuse and abuse of prescription opioids, according to a national poll from *Morning Consult* commissioned by Allied Against Opioid Abuse (AAOA).

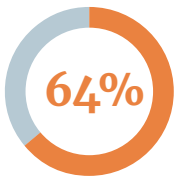
Healthcare Providers Are Trusted Sources of Information



Nine in 10 adults report they feel comfortable speaking with a healthcare professional and asking questions related to prescription opioid safety.

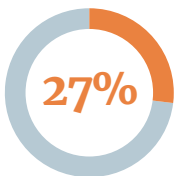
Nearly 90% of adults say they trust doctors and pharmacists when it comes to receiving information about prescription opioids and other medicines.

Patient-Provider Engagement Helps Change Behaviors



Nearly 2/3 of adults overall report they would be more likely to safely store prescription opioids if their healthcare provider or pharmacist spoke with them about doing so.

Patients Report Talking About Prescription Opioid Safety with Providers



More than 1/4 of adults report their healthcare provider or pharmacist have spoken to them about safe storage and disposal of prescription opioids.

Additional Education and Engagement Needed

More than 1/3 of adults overall (34%) said they would keep leftover pills in case they needed them later.



The majority of adults believe:

Provider-Patient Conversations
(85%)

Awareness and Availability of Alternative Therapies
(85%)

Improved Education for Healthcare Providers
(84%)

have the greatest ability to help address the prescription opioid abuse crisis.

Source: The national poll, conducted by *Morning Consult* and commissioned by AAOA, surveyed more than 2,200 adults from March 10-13, 2020.