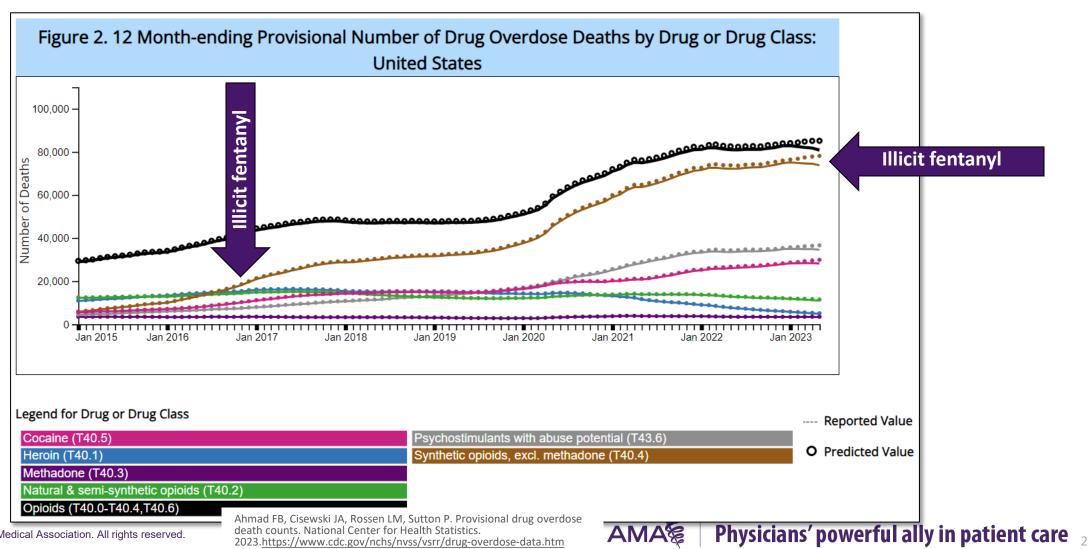


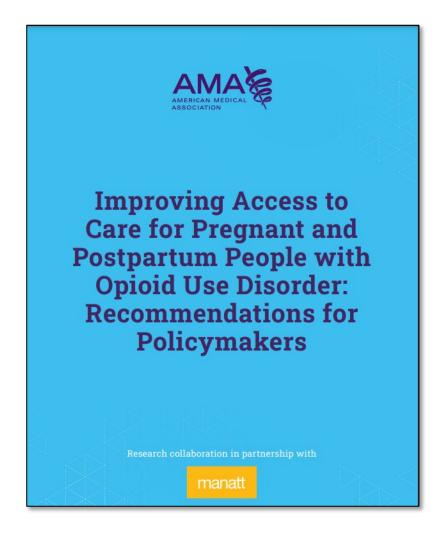
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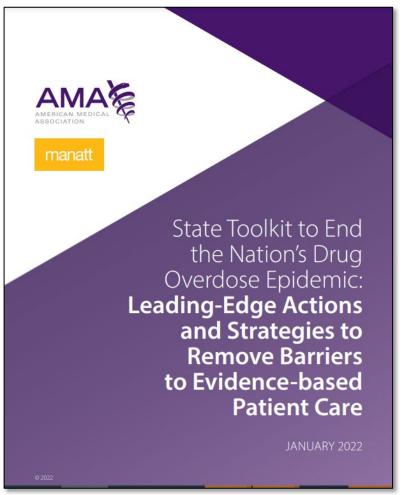
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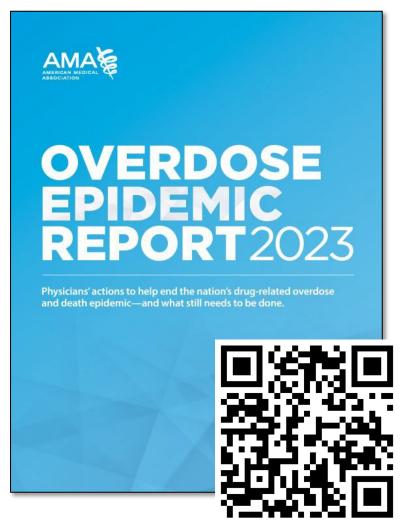
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The Human toll of the overdose epidemic (2016-2023)









End-Overdose-Epidemic.org



Five key trends in nation's overdose epidemic

Opioid prescribing down

 Nearly 50% decrease in opioid Rx since 2012; no meaningful increase in non-opioid pain care

Some MOUD barriers removed

 Multiple federal barriers removed, including the "xwaiver" and telehealth restrictions

Naloxone continues to save lives

 Patients need a continuing commitment to have naloxone covered by insurance

Many MH/SUD barriers remain

 Policies don't always follow the generally accepted standard of care for MH/ SUDs

More work remains

Parity laws extended to Medicaid and CHIP?

The AMA strongly encourages...



Use your data collection and enforcement authority of state and federal parity laws



Finalize mental health and substance use disorder parity laws at the U.S. Department of Labor



Use civil monetary policy and opioid settlement funds to pursue more investigations



Require adequate networks of addiction medicine and addiction psychiatry physicians

If physicians' recommendations for treatment and ending the epidemic are not followed—we should not be surprised by the consequences





Physicians' powerful ally in patient care