

# THE OPIOID EFFECT

**OPIOID DEPENDENCY**  
can begin within  
**3 days**  
of taking the drugs.

People who are addicted to  
**prescription opioid painkillers** are  
**40 times more likely**  
to become addicted to  
**heroin.**

The U.S. makes up  
**5%** of the world's population ...  
but consumes approximately **80%** of the world's prescription opioid drugs

**40%** of all opioid overdose deaths involve a **prescription.**



Roughly **21 to 29%** of patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain **misuse them.**



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