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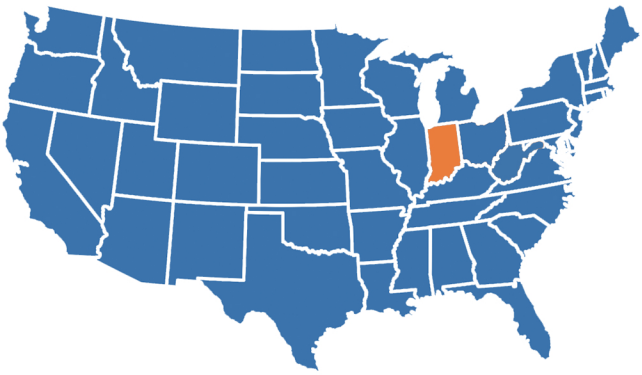
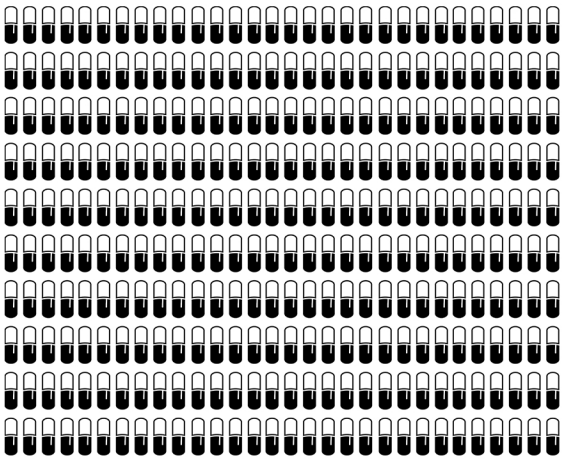
OPIOID DEPENDENCE

Indiana's Operating Rooms Have Become Gateways to the Opioid Epidemic

Lawmakers Can Act Now to Give Patients Access to Non-Opioid Options



In 2016, enough opioids were prescribed to provide every **Hoosier with 58 pills** [1]



= 10,000,000 pills

Surgery-related overprescribing resulted in **3.3 billion unused pills available for misuse**[1]

85 PILLS

Following surgery, patients receive an average of 85 opioid pills, whether they need them or not. [1]

794 PEOPLE

In 2016 alone, 794 Hoosiers died of opioid-related overdoses. [2]

3 MILLION

Nearly 3 million patients undergoing surgeries in 2016 became newly persistent opioid users. [1]

Giving more patients and doctors access to non-opioid pain management after surgery can stop this trend:

If the number of **opioid prescriptions** written each year is reduced by **10%** nationally, it would result in: [1]

- 300,000 fewer patients becoming persistent opioid users following surgery each year
- $830 million saved annually in drug costs alone
- 332 million fewer pills available for diversion and misuse

1 Pacira. United States for Non-Dependence: An Analysis of the Impact of Opioid Overprescribing in America. September 2017. [Analysis in the report was based on research conducted by the Quintiles IMS Institute].

2 National Institute on Drug Abuse. Indiana Opioid Summary. February 2018. https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/opioids/opioid-summaries-by-state/indiana-opioid-summary