

Voices for Non-Opioid Choices
Online Survey
N=1,005 National Registered Voters
Final Topline
Field Dates: August 16 – 20, 2024

SCREENERS

1. In what state do you live?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	21%
South	37%
West	24%

2. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes	100%
No	0%
Don't know	0%

3. What is your age?

18-34	30%
35-44	16%
45-64	33%
65+	21%

4. What is your gender?

Male	49%
Female	51%
Identify Other Way	0%

5. Are you Latino, Hispanic, or of Spanish descent?
6. Are you Black, White, Asian, Native American, or some other race?

White	61%
Hispanic/Latino	17%
Black	12%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7%
Native American	1%
Other	1%
Prefer not to say	1%

CORE QUESTIONS

7. Below are some public health issues in the United States you may have heard of. For each, please rate how serious of a problem you think it is:

RANKED BY % VERY SERIOUS

	<i>Total Serious</i>	<i>Very Serious</i>	<i>Somewhat Serious</i>	<i>Total Not Serious</i>	<i>Not Too Serious</i>	<i>Not At All Serious</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
The cost of health care	95%	71%	25%	4%	3%	1%	1%
Cancer	94%	71%	23%	5%	4%	1%	1%
Mental health	94%	67%	27%	6%	4%	1%	1%
Addiction to prescription opioids	91%	62%	29%	8%	6%	2%	1%
The cost of prescription drugs	90%	59%	31%	9%	7%	2%	1%
Obesity	89%	51%	38%	10%	8%	2%	1%

As you may know, acute pain is caused by injury, surgery, illness, or trauma. It generally lasts for a short period of time (days or weeks), and usually disappears when the underlying cause has been treated or healed.

8. How much do you know about pain relief treatment options available today for acute pain, such as post-surgical pain?

Total A Great Deal/Some	65%
A great deal	20%
Some	45%
Total Not Too Much/Nothing At All	34%
Not too much	28%
Nothing at all	6%
Don't know	2%

9. In a sentence or two, what do you know about current pain relief treatment options available today for acute pain, such as post-surgical pain? [OPEN-END]

Example Open-End Responses
<i>Depending on the surgery, some need painkillers like opioids and some you can take just ibuprofen and Tylenol.</i>
<i>I know there's a lot of options but due to people abusing them it's hard for the people to get them and even harder to afford them.</i>
<i>Painkillers, and other forms of these. Some are not too strong, and some are overpowering and hurt you.</i>
<i>I know that the cost of these items is through the roof, and those that need help will be punished financially.</i>
<i>Most pain meds have crazy side effects.</i>
<i>Typically, you are given a prescription for oxycodone which can lead to addiction. This is followed by physical therapy. It is important to ween yourself off of your prescription as soon as possible.</i>

10. Thinking specifically about prescription treatments for acute pain... If given the choice between an opioid pain treatment and a non-opioid pain treatment of equal effectiveness in relieving pain, which would you prefer?

Total Prefer Non-Opioid Treatment	71%
Strongly prefer non-opioid	48%
Somewhat prefer non-opioid	23%
Total Prefer Opioid Treatment	21%
Somewhat prefer opioid	14%
Strongly prefer opioid	7%
Don't know	8%

11. What factors may make you reluctant to choose a prescription opioid treatment for acute pain?

RANKED BY 1ST CHOICE

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	1st + 2nd Choice
Concern about addiction/dependency	37%	18%	55%
Concern about long-term health effects	14%	19%	33%
Side effects like nausea or tiredness	13%	15%	28%
Concern about potential for overdose	9%	16%	25%
Advice from healthcare provider	7%	7%	14%
Harder to access	5%	6%	11%
Previous negative experience	4%	5%	9%
Concern for the safety of my household	3%	5%	8%
Something else	1%	2%	3%
Don't know	7%	--	7%

12. What factors may make you reluctant to choose a prescription non-opioid treatment for acute pain?

RANKED BY 1ST CHOICE

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	1st + 2nd Choice
Concern about effectiveness	24%	23%	47%
Longer time to achieve pain relief	16%	19%	34%
Lack of familiarity with non-opioid options	12%	10%	21%
Concern about cost	11%	12%	23%
Side effects from non-opioid treatments	10%	11%	21%
Advice from healthcare provider	8%	6%	14%
Harder to access	5%	4%	10%
Previous negative experience	3%	5%	8%
Something else	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	10%	--	10%

13. Please indicate how concerned you are about each of the following:

RANKED BY % VERY CONCERNED

	<i>Total Concerned</i>	<i>Very Concerned</i>	<i>Somewhat Concerned</i>	<i>Total Not Concerned</i>	<i>Not Too Concerned</i>	<i>Not At All Concerned</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
The risk of addiction involving prescription opioid treatments for acute pain	78%	48%	30%	20%	13%	6%	3%
Side effects involving prescription opioid treatments for acute pain	78%	41%	37%	19%	15%	4%	4%
The safety of my household with prescription opioid treatments in my home	52%	28%	24%	46%	22%	24%	2%

14. When it comes to the number of options for prescription pain relief treatments, how satisfied are you with the prescription options available today for acute pain?

Total Satisfied	66%
Very satisfied	24%
Somewhat satisfied	42%
Total Unsatisfied	20%
Somewhat unsatisfied	14%
Very unsatisfied	6%
Don't know	14%

15. When it comes to prescriptions treatments for acute pain, do you think:

It is important for patients to have access to non-opioid pain treatments that are as effective as an opioid treatment	73%
The opioid pain treatments we have today are the best and most effective for patients	17%
Don't know	10%

16. How important is it to you to have access to prescription non-opioid choices to treat acute pain?

Total Important	83%
Very important	51%
Somewhat important	32%
Total Not Important	12%
Not too important	8%
Not at all important	4%
Don't know	5%

17. How likely would you be to choose a prescription non-opioid pain treatment if it were as effective as an opioid treatment for acute pain?

Total Likely	85%
Very likely	59%
Somewhat likely	27%
Total Not Likely	8%
Not too likely	6%
Not at all likely	2%
Don't know	6%

18. Do you agree that patients should have the same level of access to prescription non-opioid pain treatments as they do to opioid options?

Yes	82%
No	9%
Don't know	9%

19. As you may know, Medicare Part D is the Medicare prescription drug program. There is legislation to ensure seniors pay no more in out-of-pocket costs for non-opioid pain treatments than they do for opioids. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

Total Support	86%
Strongly support	62%
Somewhat support	24%
Total Oppose	5%
Somewhat oppose	4%
Strongly oppose	1%
Don't know	9%

20. When thinking about potential new prescription treatments for acute pain, who would you trust MOST to provide information to you? Who would you trust second most?

RANKED BY % FIRST CHOICE

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	1st + 2nd Choice
Treating physicians	37%	17%	54%
Researchers and scientists	15%	16%	31%
Nurses	8%	16%	24%
Patients	8%	7%	15%
Pain groups	6%	4%	10%
Company researcher and medical experts	5%	11%	16%
Family and caregivers	5%	7%	12%
Veterans	3%	3%	6%
Community health groups	2%	5%	7%
Senior groups	2%	3%	5%
Non-pain groups	2%	1%	3%
Lawmakers	1%	2%	3%
Minority groups	1%	2%	3%
Rural groups	1%	1%	2%
None of these	4%	--	4%

ADDITIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

21. How would you describe the area in which you live?

Urban	33%
Suburban	45%
Rural	21%
Don't know	1%

22. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

Less Than College	65%
College or Higher	35%

23. For statistical purposes only, what was your total annual HOUSEHOLD income before taxes last year? Please remember that your answer will remain confidential. If you are retired, please answer what your household income was just before you retired.

Under \$60,000	60%
\$60,000-\$100,000	23%
\$100,000+	16%
Prefer not to say	1%

24. Regardless of how you are registered to vote, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, an Independent who leans Republican, an Independent who leans Democratic, or some other party?

Republicans + leaners	42%
Democrats + leaners	44%
Independent	13%
Prefer not to say	1%

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

25. Do you, or does anyone in your household, work in the health care industry?

Total Yes	18%
Yes, self	11%
Yes, other household member	6%
Yes, both self and other member	2%
No	81%
Prefer not to say	1%

26. Are you currently covered by any form of health insurance plan?

Yes	88%
No	11%
Don't know	1%

27. [ASKD IF YES, HAVE INSURANCE, N=883 RESPONDENTS] Which type of health insurance do you have?

A plan through your employer	27%
A plan through your spouse's employer	8%
A plan you purchased yourself	9%
Medicare	30%
Medicaid	18%
Some other government program	6%
Get insurance from somewhere else	1%
Don't know	1%

28. Have you received a prescription from a doctor for an opioid such as hydrocodone, oxycodone, oxymorphone, morphine, or codeine for acute pain in the last 5 years?

Yes, and used it	32%
Yes, and did not use it	9%
No	59%
Prefer not to say	0%

29. Do you personally know someone who has or had an opioid use disorder?

Total Yes	34%
Yes, self	7%
Yes, family member	14%
Yes, close friend	12%
No	64%
Prefer not to say	2%