



## Pharmacists' Role in Reducing Problematic Opioid Use

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Dear Colleagues,

Pharmacy and pharmacists have always had a role in reducing the misuse of opioids. In the past, this was more of a policing capacity in which pharmacists focused on preventing the misuse of opioids. However, this has changed as we have adopted a more caring approach from an understanding that opioid use can be problematic for individuals, by causing them harm, increasing the risk of overdose, and all the problems that can go along with drug dependence. Pharmacists' role has developed into both a public health and clinical response to the considerable challenges faced by people struggling with pain management and or drug dependence. Pharmacists provide a range of services, care, and support that we want to highlight in this special issue of Pharmacy.

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