



Opioids

Learn about opioid prescriptions and other options

Talk to your doctor about options to help manage your pain safely.

Prescription opioids could have serious side effects and risks.¹

Opioid facts¹

- Opioids are used to treat moderate-to-severe pain
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says they are not usually helpful for long-term use

Opioid safety

To help make sure you stay safe, we:

- Restrict your first Rx to a 7-day supply^{2,3}
- Limit refill amounts³
- Help ensure use of short-acting opioids first³
- Offer counseling with CVS Pharmacy[®] pharmacists
- For pain that lasts less than one month, opioids should be taken only as long as needed while pain is severe. Often, just a few days or less are enough

We help you understand safe use^{1,2}

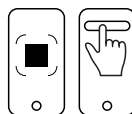
We help make sure you know how to take opioids safely and correctly. Follow these tips to stay as safe as possible.

- Take medication exactly as instructed by your doctor
- Never share your opioids with others
- Avoid alcohol and certain medications that are unsafe with opioids
- Review your medications with your doctor or pharmacist regularly
- Keep any opioids in a secure place. Lock them up, if possible



Have unused opioids?

Find a safe disposal location by visiting cvs.co/opioids or scanning the code.



To scan the QR code:

Open the camera
Focus on the QR code
Tap the link that appears

¹ Prescription opioids: What you need to know. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Published May 9, 2016. <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/aha-patient-opioid-factsheet-a.pdf>. Accessed August 2, 2023.

² Based on history of an opioid prescription.

³ Prior authorization may be requested for certain medications to extend limits on quantity or days supplied or if claims history does not meet current program requirements; duration limit does not apply to patients in active cancer treatment, palliative care or end-of-life care.

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