



# Shared Successes, Lessons Learned

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# AMA Opioid Task Force recommendations

## *PDMPs*

Register for and use your state PDMP to make more informed prescribing decisions

**TAKE ACTION >**

## *Education*

Ensure you have the education and training on effective, evidence-based treatment

**TAKE ACTION >**

## *Treatment*

Support and advocate for comprehensive care for patients in pain and those with a substance use disorder

**TAKE ACTION >**

## *Stigma*

Removing stigma is essential to ending the nation's opioid epidemic

**TAKE ACTION >**

## *Naloxone*

Expand access to naloxone in the community and through co-prescribing

**TAKE ACTION >**

## *Safe Storage and Disposal*

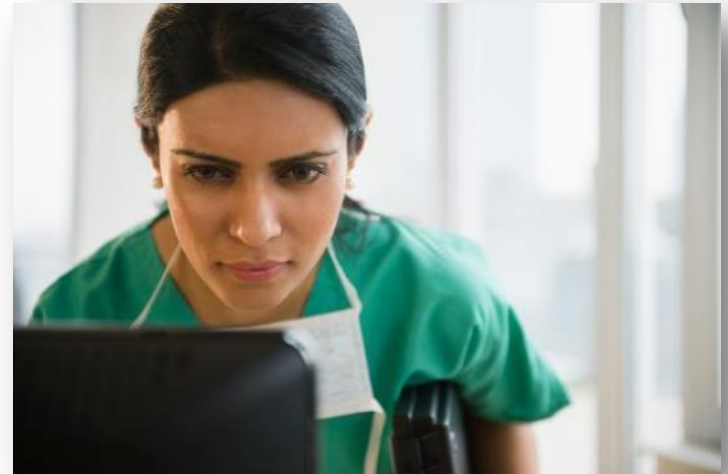
Work with your patients to promote safe storage and disposal of opioids and all medications

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# Encouraging national trends

- Opioid prescribing dropped 22 percent from 2013–2017.
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program registration and use continues to increase.
- Treatment capacity is increasing, with more physicians certified in buprenorphine treatment.
- Physicians are enhancing their education in pain management and substance use disorders.
- Access to naloxone is increasing.



(Source: AMA Opioid Task Force 2018 Progress Report)

# Our focus moving forward

- Advocating to policymakers and payers to end prior authorization for medication-assisted treatment
- Working with payers to remove barriers to multidisciplinary pain care
- Providing physicians with specialty-specific educational resources on safe opioid prescribing and treatment
- Advocating for expanding access and coverage for treatment of substance use disorder
- Working to reduce the stigma associated with pain and substance use disorders



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