

ARE YOU REDUCING PATIENT USE OF OPIOIDS?

The Veterans Affairs' Opioid Safety Initiative is Working: Fewer Veterans receive prescriptions for risky dosages of opioid painkillers

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In February 2017, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense released an updated Clinical Practice Guideline for Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain. It is designed to assist in decision making, based upon the latest clinical and epidemiologic evidence. A key recommendation is to consider alternatives to opioid therapy, such as non-pharmacologic treatments. This guideline is central to the VA Opioid Safety Initiative (OSI). The guideline summary is located [here](#).

Since OSI implementation in October 2013, it has been associated with decreased prescribing of high-dosage opioids in veterans. These findings were published in the January edition of the Journal of the International Association for the Study of Pain. The abstract is available online ahead of print, [here](#) (click on "Abstract" to expand the text).

Looking for an alternative to opioids? Provant Therapy from Regenesis Biomedical can help. Over 14,000 patients have treated with Provant's safe, non-drug pain management therapy. Click [here](#) to see how patients can reduce opioids AND reduce pain with Provant.

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