

2017 ACEP Emergency Physician Poll
Opioid Patients in the Emergency Department

Poll Methodology:

This survey was conducted online between Sept. 21 and Oct. 2, 2017, with 1,261 emergency physicians. There was a response rate of 5.3 percent and a margin of error of 2.7.

Question	#Surveyed	#Responses
Q1. How often do patients who are overdosing on opioids come to your emergency department? Select one.	1261	% based on 1254 responses
	7	did not respond
Don't know/No opinion	19	1.52%
More than 2-3 times a day	156	12.44%
Multiple times a week (4 or more)	105	8.37%
Multiple times each month (4 or more)	16	1.28%
Never	13	1.04%
Once a day	170	13.56%
Once a month	65	5.18%
Once a week	85	6.78%
Several times a day (2-3)	364	29.03%
Several times a month (2-3)	75	5.98%
Several times a week (2-3)	186	14.83%
Q2. How often do overdose patients, who come to your emergency department, receive naloxone, either in the emergency department or by EMS? Select one.	1261	% based on 1249 responses
	12	did not respond
1-10 times per year	100	8.01%
11-25 times per year	110	8.81%
26-50 times per year	146	11.69%
51-75 times per year	113	9.05%
Don't know/No opinion	67	5.36%
More than 75 times per year	705	56.45%
Never administered	8	0.64%
Q3. In the past year, have you seen an increase in the number of patients seeking opioids? Select one.	1261	% based on 1250 responses
	11	did not respond
Don't know/No opinion	32	2.56%
No, a decrease	97	7.76%
No, a significant decrease	35	2.80%
Stayed the same	440	35.20%
Yes, a significant increase	272	21.76%
Yes, an increase	374	29.92%

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Q4. How often are you involved in the care of patients who die of a presumed overdose, either by caring for them in your emergency department or by giving the order over the phone to declare them dead? Select one.	1261	% based on 1256 responses
	5	did not respond
1 – 10 times per year	755	60.11%
11-25 times per year	183	14.57%
26-50 times per year	71	5.65%
51-75 times per year	9	0.72%
Daily	24	1.91%
Don't know/No opinion	145	11.54%
More than 75 times per year	26	2.07%
Never	43	3.42%
Q5 How accessible are detox/rehab treatment centers for opioid-addicted patients who come to your emergency department? Select one.	1261	% based on 1254 responses
	7	did not respond
Always accessible	43	3.43%
Don't know/No opinion	26	2.07%
Never accessible	100	7.97%
Rarely accessible	613	48.88%
Somewhat accessible	472	37.64%
Q6. Does your emergency department provide MAT (medication assisted treatment)/buprenorphine or methadone? Select one.	1261	% based on 1255 responses
	6	did not respond
Don't know/No opinion	31	2.47%
No	1158	92.27%
Yes	66	5.26%
Q7. In what state do you practice? Select one.	1261	% based on 1254 responses
	7	did not respond
Alabama	18	1.44%
Alaska	14	1.12%
Arizona	25	1.99%
Arkansas	12	0.96%
California	78	6.22%
Colorado	32	2.55%
Connecticut	21	1.67%
Delaware	11	0.88%
District of Columbia	6	0.48%
Florida	56	4.47%

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Georgia	35	2.79%
Hawaii	6	0.48%
Idaho	5	0.40%
Illinois	46	3.67%
Indiana	38	3.03%
Iowa	4	0.32%
Kansas	6	0.48%
Kentucky	19	1.52%
Louisiana	18	1.44%
Maine	5	0.40%
Maryland	35	2.79%
Massachusetts	22	1.75%
Michigan	54	4.31%
Minnesota	24	1.91%
Mississippi	7	0.56%
Missouri	28	2.23%
Montana	5	0.40%
Nebraska	8	0.64%
Nevada	9	0.72%
New Hampshire	7	0.56%
New Jersey	28	2.23%
New Mexico	14	1.12%
New York	83	6.62%
North Carolina	52	4.15%
North Dakota	3	0.24%
Ohio	71	5.66%
Oklahoma	8	0.64%
Oregon	23	1.83%
Pennsylvania	69	5.50%
Rhode Island	8	0.64%
South Carolina	17	1.36%
South Dakota	4	0.32%
Tennessee	15	1.20%
Texas	76	6.06%
Utah	12	0.96%
Vermont	3	0.24%
Virginia	42	3.35%
Washington	39	3.11%
West Virginia	11	0.88%
Wisconsin	18	1.44%
Wyoming	4	0.32%

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Q8. What is the emergency department volume where you work the majority of your time? Select one.	1261	% based on 1255 responses
	6	did not respond
10,001-20,000	66	5.26%
100,001-200,000	153	12.19%
20,001-30,000	97	7.73%
200,001-300,000	9	0.72%
30,001-40,000	150	11.95%
40,001-50,000	143	11.39%
50,001-75,000	329	26.22%
75,001-100,000	256	20.40%
Don't know/No opinion	10	0.80%
More than 300,000	7	0.56%
Up to 10,000	35	2.79%
Q9. As an emergency physician, do you work directly for your hospital or for a private group contracting with your hospital? Select one.	1261	% based on 1246 responses
	15	did not respond
An emergency medicine group	729	58.51%
Directly for my hospital	420	33.71%
Don't know/No opinion	8	0.64%
Neither	89	7.14%