Acupuncture: A Key Solution for Treating America's Painkiller Epidemic

The U.S. Pain Epidemic

4x
Sales of Prescription Opioids Have Quadrupled Since 1999

17,000
Prescription Opioid Deaths Annually

80,000
NSAID and Acetaminophen Related ER Visits Annually

$635 Billion
Annual Economic Cost of Chronic Pain* *Additional Health Care Costs and Lost Productivity

"Many non-pharmacologic therapies, including acupuncture can ameliorate chronic pain."

–CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, 2016

Try Acupuncture before Pills

Reduce Costs

1. Lower Cost to Insurance Companies
2. Reduced Average Out-of-Pocket Expenses

Improve Outcomes

3. Patients Avoid Expensive / Risky Procedures
4. Fewer Inpatient Expenses

Increase Satisfaction

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IMPROVE OUTCOMES & SATISFACTION

Non-Addictive
Acupuncture is a useful adjunctive therapy in the treatment of opiate and other addictions, but itself is non-addictive.

Happier Patients
Acupuncture is patient-centered, safe, effective, and well received in the clinic.

Low Cost
Insurance policies that cover acupuncture only cost an extra $0.37-0.76 per person each month.

Evidence Based
Research shows patients who receive acupuncture have more relief from pain than those who did not receive acupuncture.

Acupuncture is Safe, Proven, Effective & Non-Addictive.

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NCCAOM National Certification Commission for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine
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