

# Percentage of non-palliative care patients newly dispensed an opioid - CHC/FHT

## Alternate Name\*

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## INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

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Percentage of non-palliative patients newly dispensed an opioid prescribed by any provider in the health care system within a 6-month reporting period.

### Indicator Status\*

Active

### HQO Reporting tool/product

Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs)

### Dimension\*

Safe

### Type\*

Process

## DEFINITION AND SOURCE INFORMATION

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### Unit of Measurement\*

Percentage

### Calculation Methods\*

Numerator / Denominator x 100%

### Numerator including inclusion/exclusion\*

#### Exclusion:

- OAT, cough and antidiarrheal opioid medications were not included in the opioid definition.

See Table A in the MyPractice Primary Care Report Technical Appendix for a complete list of opioid medications.

### Denominator including inclusion/exclusion\*

#### Exclusions:

- Patients younger than one year of age.
- Palliative care patients identified from hospital and physician billing claims data.

See Appendix C in the MyPractice Primary Care Report Technical Appendix for classification and billing codes.

### Data Source

Narcotics Monitoring System (NMS)  
Client Agency Program Data (CAPE)  
Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) Claims History Database  
Registered Persons Database (RPDB)  
Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

### Data provided to HQO by

Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES)

## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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### Caveats and Limitations

Dispensed prescriptions don't always reflect actual use.

### Comments Detailed

This is a QIP priority indicator for 2020/21. The QIP current performance reporting period: Data point: March 31, 2019.

## TAGS

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Primary Care  
Process  
Drugs/Drug Administration  
Safe  
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## PUBLISH

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### PUBLISH DATETIME\*

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