

A Recipe for Trouble

- 1** Insurance company tells a patient they could have **810 Oxycodone** tablets for a knee replacement
- 15** Oxycodone tablets needed by the SwiftPath patient
- 795** Oxycodone tablets potentially released into the community

Mix together and the result could be devastating. This is a real-world example of one patient's experience. If the surgeon prescribed the insurance-approved quantity and the scripts were filled, **795 tablets would be available for diversion.**

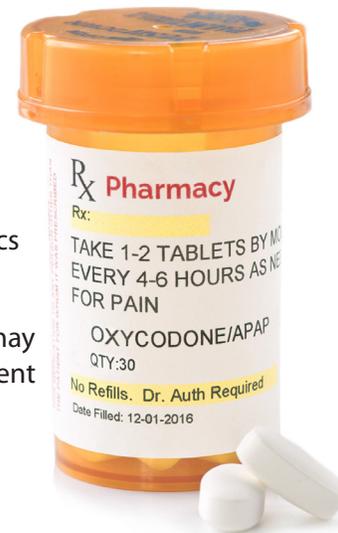
In 2015, over 15,000 people in the US died from prescribed opioid overdose. Up to 60% of teenagers

who experiment with narcotics obtain them from friends or family whose narcotic prescription is diverted for recreational use.

SwiftPath has re-engineered surgical techniques, pain management methods and is focused on educating patients and caregivers—all directed at reducing narcotics for joint replacement surgeries.

Some patients may need narcotics, others may not. SwiftPath's multmodal pain management educates patients on using medication, preventing pain before it begins and only using narcotics for more severe pain.

[See SwiftPath video on Opioid Crisis](#)



"SwiftPath is a revolutionary new method that combines patient education, cutting edge surgical techniques, and the latest research in communication and surgical recovery. Most complications are related to pain and the use of outdated methods. These are eliminated with the SwiftPath Method."

- Doug Vermillion, MD, SwiftPath Surgeon

Narcotics Disposal: We Can Make a Difference

We all must do our part to fight the opioid crisis. Patients can help keep communities safe and the environment clean by proper disposal of medications. A major concern is flushing prescriptions down the toilet, ending up in the water supply.

SwiftPath surgeons can review patient-reported data to see how much medication is used and potentially prescribe less. They can also provide patients with a list of safe drug disposal sites in their communities.

A growing number of police departments across the U.S. are adding prescription drug drop-off boxes at stations to allow for proper disposal. Some grocery stores and independent pharmacies also have safe disposal kiosks.

To find out where in your community to safely dispose of prescription drugs, contact your local police department or google: "Safe Drug Disposal" and include your city or county in your search.

www.disposemy meds.org/
www.kingcountysecuremedicinereturn.org

PATIENT QUOTE

"Knowing what to expect and what I needed to do to hasten recovery while using medications when needed was a tremendous assist in controlling pain. Learning that Tylenol and Ibuprofen were so effective was an eye opener."

- Joyce K, SwiftPath Patient

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