



Dental Extraction

0 doses opioid + acetaminophen + ibuprofen + non-medication strategies

Recommendations from Recent Literature

- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and over-the-counter (OTC) pain medications are as effective as opioids at controlling pain after dental extraction.
- Most opioid prescriptions filled at the time of a dental procedure are not needed and go unused.
- Routine wisdom tooth extraction often exposes otherwise young and healthy patients to opioids for the first time, putting them at risk for opioid overdose and substance use disorder.

Supporting Evidence

- Expert consensus by surgeons who perform these procedures at Michigan Medicine
- [Combining Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen for Acute Pain Management After Third-Molar Extractions](#) (J Am Dent Assoc. 2013)
- [Dental Opioid Prescriptions and Overdose Risk in Patients and Their Families](#) (Am J Prev Med. 2021)
- [Outpatient Opioid Prescriptions for Children and Opioid-Related Adverse Events](#) (Pediatrics. 2018)
- [Persistent Opioid Use After Wisdom Tooth Extraction](#) (J Am Med Assoc. 2018)