

- **addicted** (*adjective*): having a compulsive (uncontrollable) behavior, such as drug use, that continues despite negative consequences
- **addictive** (*adjective*): something, such as a drug, that causes changes to the brain that result in compulsive (uncontrollable) behavior despite negative consequences
- **administer** (*verb*): to provide or supply something, such as medication
- **analyze** (*verb*): to study or examine something closely or carefully in order to understand it
- **bystander** (*noun*): a person who is present but not taking part in a situation
- **chemical** (*noun*): a substance, such as an element or a mix of elements (compound), that can occur naturally or be made by a chemical process
- **codeine** (*noun*): an opioid drug that is used as a painkiller and is commonly prescribed by doctors for mild to moderate pain or cough suppression
- **crisis** (*noun*): a situation that has reached an unstable point and that has a high chance of having a negative outcome
- **dispense** (*verb*): to prepare and give out something, such as a medication
- **dramatically** (*adverb*): done in a way that attracts attention because of an extreme appearance or effect
- **epidemic** (*noun*): an increase in the number of people affected by a disease or condition far above what is normally expected in a population
- **factor** (*noun*): something that causes a result
- **fentanyl** (*noun*): an opioid drug made in laboratories that is much stronger (50 to 100 times) than other legal opioids. It is prescribed only to treat very severe pain.
- **heroin** (*noun*): an illegal opioid drug that has no medical use
- **hydrocodone** (*noun*): an opioid drug that is used as a painkiller and prescribed by doctors for moderate to severe pain
- **illegal** (*adjective*): against the law
- **impact** (*verb*): to have an effect on something or to cause a result
- **increase** (*verb*): to become larger in size, number, or amount
- **medication** (*noun*): a chemical or substance that is used to treat a disease or medical condition
- **methadone** (*noun*): an opioid drug made in laboratories that is commonly used to treat addiction to heroin and other opioids
- **misuse** (*verb*): to use something in a way that is unintended or harmful, such as misuse of a prescription drug
- **modify** (*verb*): to change something slightly
- **morphine** (*noun*): an opioid drug that is used as a painkiller and is prescribed by doctors for severe pain
- **naloxone** (*noun*): an emergency medication used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose and restore breathing. If it is used quickly enough, naloxone can prevent a person from dying of an overdose.
- **opioid** (*noun*): one of a group of drugs that produce relaxation, pleasure, and pain relief. Opioids can be addictive and potentially deadly due to overdoses.
- **overdose** (*noun*): a lethal or toxic amount of a drug; (*verb*): to take a lethal or toxic amount of a drug.
- **oxycodone** (*noun*): an opioid drug that is used as a painkiller and prescribed by doctors for severe pain. It is most commonly prescribed for patients recovering from surgery.
- **Oxycontin**[®] (*noun*): a brand-name version of the drug oxycodone
- **painkiller** (*noun*): a medication used to treat or reduce pain
- **personnel** (*noun*): a group of people who work for a particular company or in a particular field
- **population** (*noun*): the number of people who live in one place or belong in a certain category
- **potential** (*adjective*): possible, but not yet actual

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- **precaution** (*noun*): an action taken to avoid a dangerous situation or to lead to a positive result
- **prescribe** (*verb*): to write or give medical instructions, such as regarding the use of certain medications
- **prescription drug** (*noun*): a medication that must be ordered by a doctor before it can be dispensed
- **pure** (*adjective*): unmixed with other materials
- **quadruple** (*verb*): to become four times as large in size or number
- **reduce** (*verb*): to make smaller in size, amount, or number
- **report** (*verb*): to announce officially; to describe or explain something that has happened
- **restore** (*verb*): to put back into use or bring back into existence
- **reverse** (*verb*): to turn around completely in direction or position; to go backward
- **risk** (*noun*): the possibility of loss or injury; danger
- **roughly** (*adverb*): approximately, not exactly
- **statistics** (*noun*): a collection of data or facts in the form of numbers
- **supply** (*verb*): to provide something that is needed or wanted
- **Vicodin®** (*noun*): a brand-name version of the drug hydrocodone