

AAOS Opioid Initiatives

Advocacy Initiatives

- Discussions for opioid-related legislation began as early as 2017: hearings, RFIs, briefings, round table discussion etc
 - AAOS monitored all developments and provided input and feedback along the way
- Feb. 2018: Letter to Senate Finance
- March 2018: Letter to House Ways & Means
 - Ways and Means Committee Report quoted AAOS policy
- April 2018: Letter to Senate HELP
- April 2018: Letter to Energy & Commerce

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Advocacy Initiatives

AAOS supported two pieces of legislation:

1. HR 3528: Every Prescription Conveyed Securely Act
 - would require electronic prescriptions for controlled substances
2. HR 4236: The MONITOR Act
 - would establish minimum standards for Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

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NOLC Opioid Discussions

- Opioid policy was one of the 'asks' at NOLC Hill Day on June 7, 2018
 - AAOS members talked about various legislative proposals and explained the AAOS position on prescription limits, electronic prescribing, and mandatory opioid CME.
- 412 scheduled meetings with members of the House, Senate, and staffers
- 280 orthopaedic surgeons participated

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Final Opioid Package

On September 28, 2018 the final opioid package (HR 6), passed the House.

AAOS wins in bill:

- No limits on prescriptions
- Every Prescription Conveyed Securely Act included

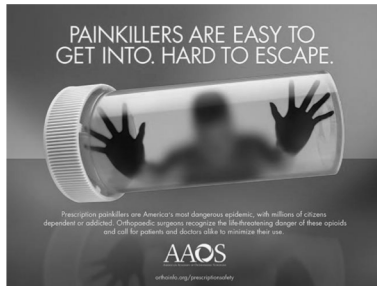
On October 3rd, HR 6 passed the Senate

Next Steps: onto the President's desk!

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AAOS Opioid Resources

Opioid PSA



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Pain Relief Toolkit

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Opioid Information Statement on “Opioid Use, Misuse, and Abuse in Orthopaedic Practice”

OPIOID DRUG USE, MISUSE, AND ABUSE

The United States is in the middle of an epidemic of opioid drug use, misuse, and abuse. It is estimated that the U.S. consumes 80 percent of the global opioid supply. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), more than 50 million prescriptions were prescribed for some type of narcotic pain medication in 2011, which represents a nearly 100 percent increase in narcotic pain medication prescriptions since 2005.

The AAOS acknowledges this growing problem and believes that comprehensive solutions must be pursued with input and assistance from all stakeholders. To be successful, stakeholders need to work together to increase research funding for alternative pain management techniques, improve prescription monitoring, and create more effective education programs for clinicians and patients. For these reasons, the AAOS has been working as a member of Operation Community Shield to create a national pain relief toolkit – that aims to limit the quantity of opioids on the market and to encourage the industry to pursue safe and effective pain management and treatment.

- The AAOS Pain Relief Toolkit: <https://www.aaos.org/Quality/PainReliefToolkit>
- The AAOS PSA on Opioids: <https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/traumatism/prescription.shtml>

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AAOS Education Efforts

Instructional Course Lecture at Annual Meeting:

- “Risk Evaluation and Management Strategies for Prescribing Opioids”
- Developed by the Medical Liability Committee
- This ICL has been renewed for 2019

Webinar CMEs

- Developing three opioid CME programs for webinar delivery

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Other AAOS Opioid Initiatives

Partnership with American Society of Anesthesiologists

- developing consensus reference guides for prescribing

Partnership with the American Medical Association

- Opioid Taskforce

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