

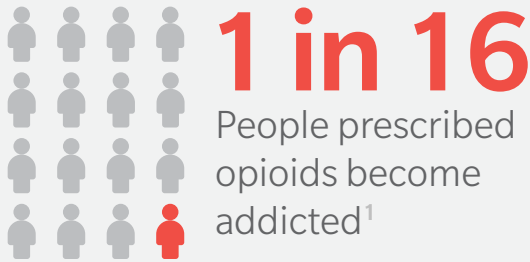
# OVERPRESCRIBING AND OPIOID ADDICTION

Understanding the role provider practice habits play in the opioid epidemic



Overprescribing is fueling opioid addiction. But with little guidance on best-practice prescribing, many physicians are unclear on how much is too much. Analysis by Oliver Wyman shows the wide variation in opioid prescribing patterns.

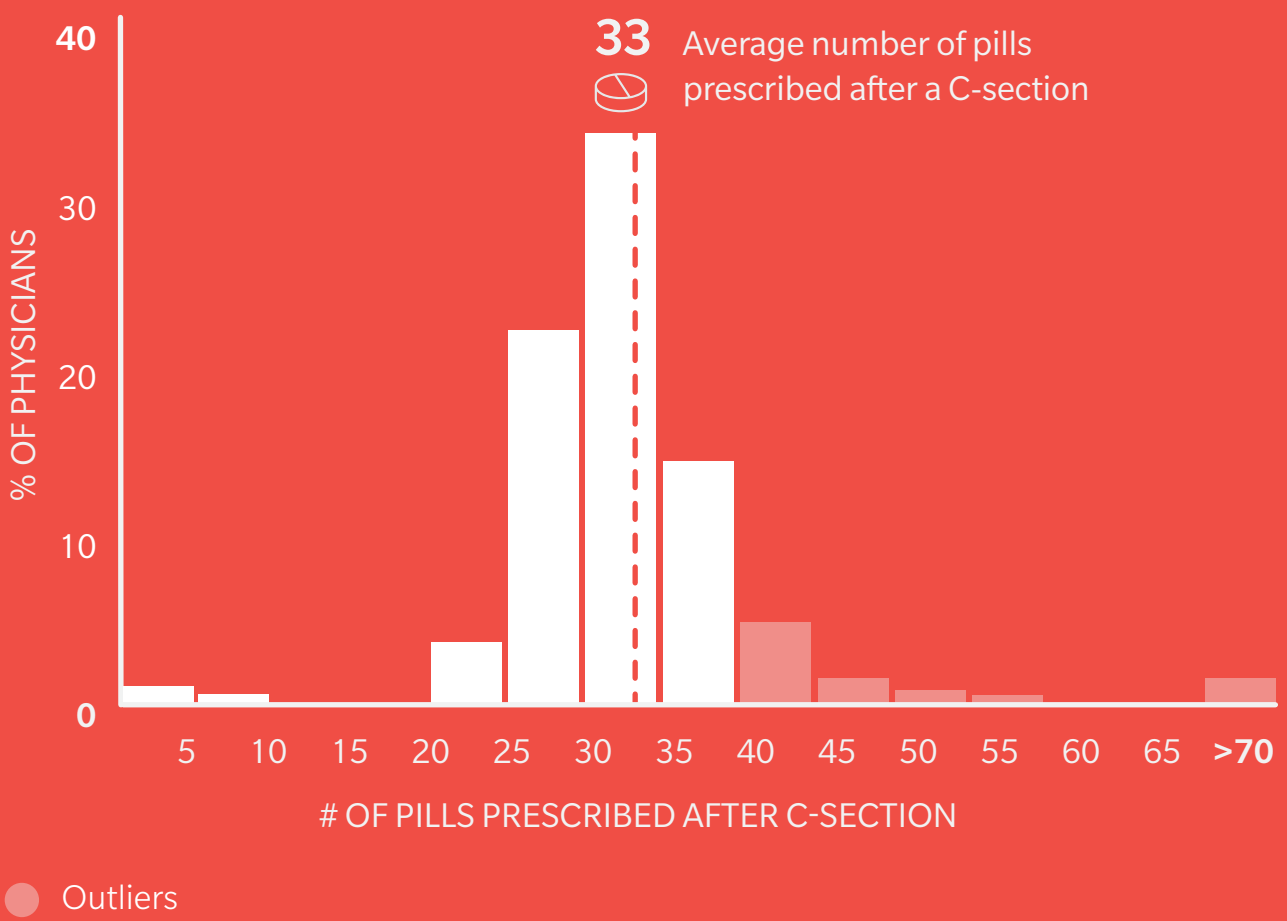
## THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM



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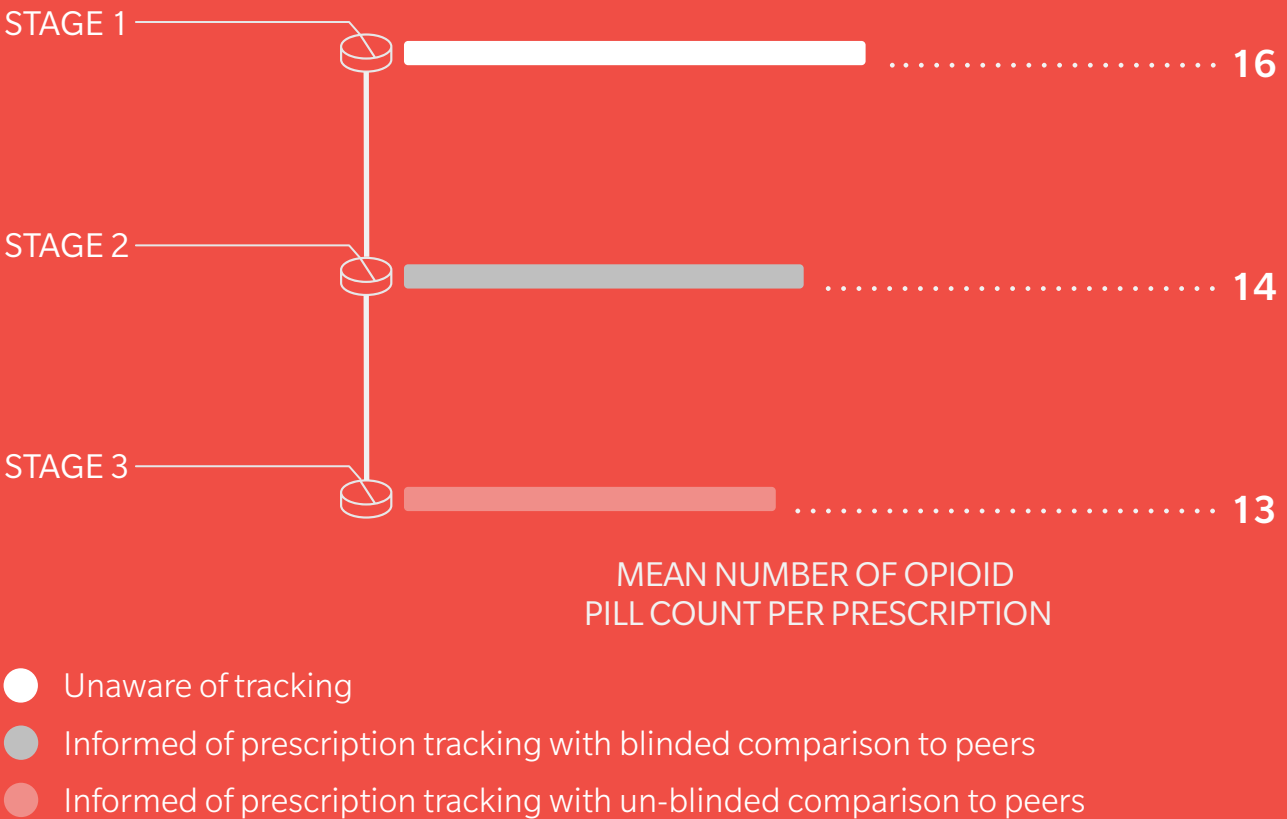
Practicing Wisely has analyzed physician behavior across several medical practices to determine the normal range of opioids to prescribe and identify physicians prescribing outside of peer norms.

### Opioid prescription after C-section<sup>3</sup>



## THE POWER OF COMPARATIVE DATA

Sharing data on similar-practice physicians can lead to meaningful change in providers' prescribing behavior. In one study, sharing prescribing information led to a decline in quantity of opioid pills per opioid prescription.<sup>4</sup>



### Sources

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