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## Alternatives to opioids

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### Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the current prescription opioid epidemic and the role providers play
- Review evidence-based alternatives to opioids for acute and chronic pain in the ED
- Evaluate the role of novel modalities

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# ALTERNATIVES TO OPIOIDS

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1.9 million

75%

51

18,893

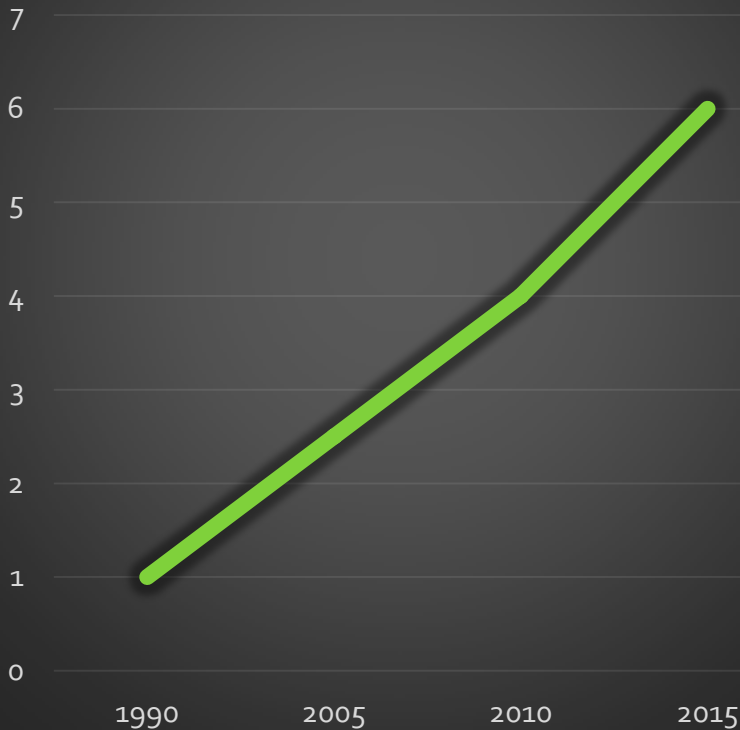


Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Administration (SAMHA) estimated  
**2.8 million seniors** ABUSED opioids  
in the past year

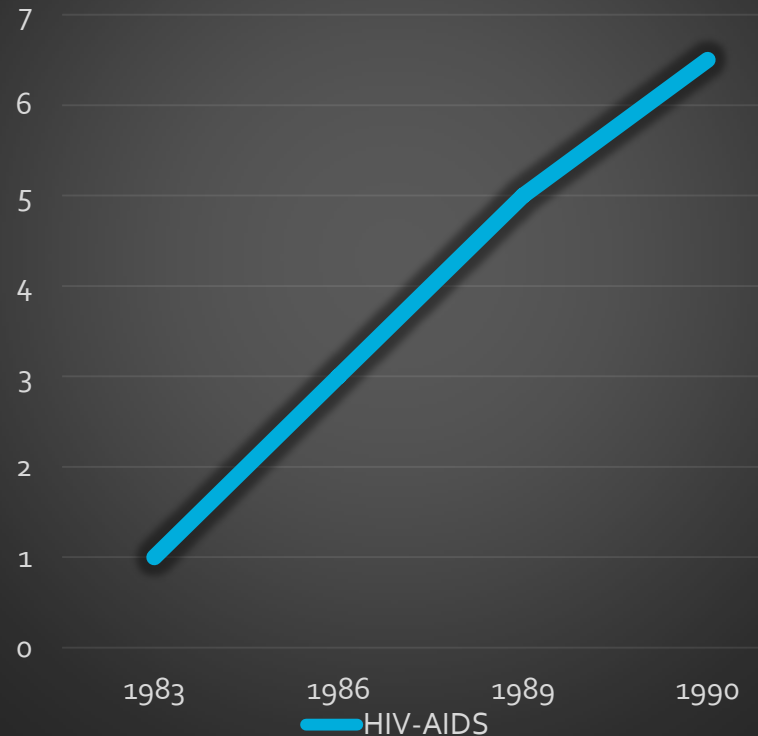
In 2014, **467,000 adolescents** were current  
nonmedical users of pain reliever,  
with **168,000** having an addiction to  
prescription pain relievers

# “Opioid overdose deaths in the US resemble a new infectious disease”

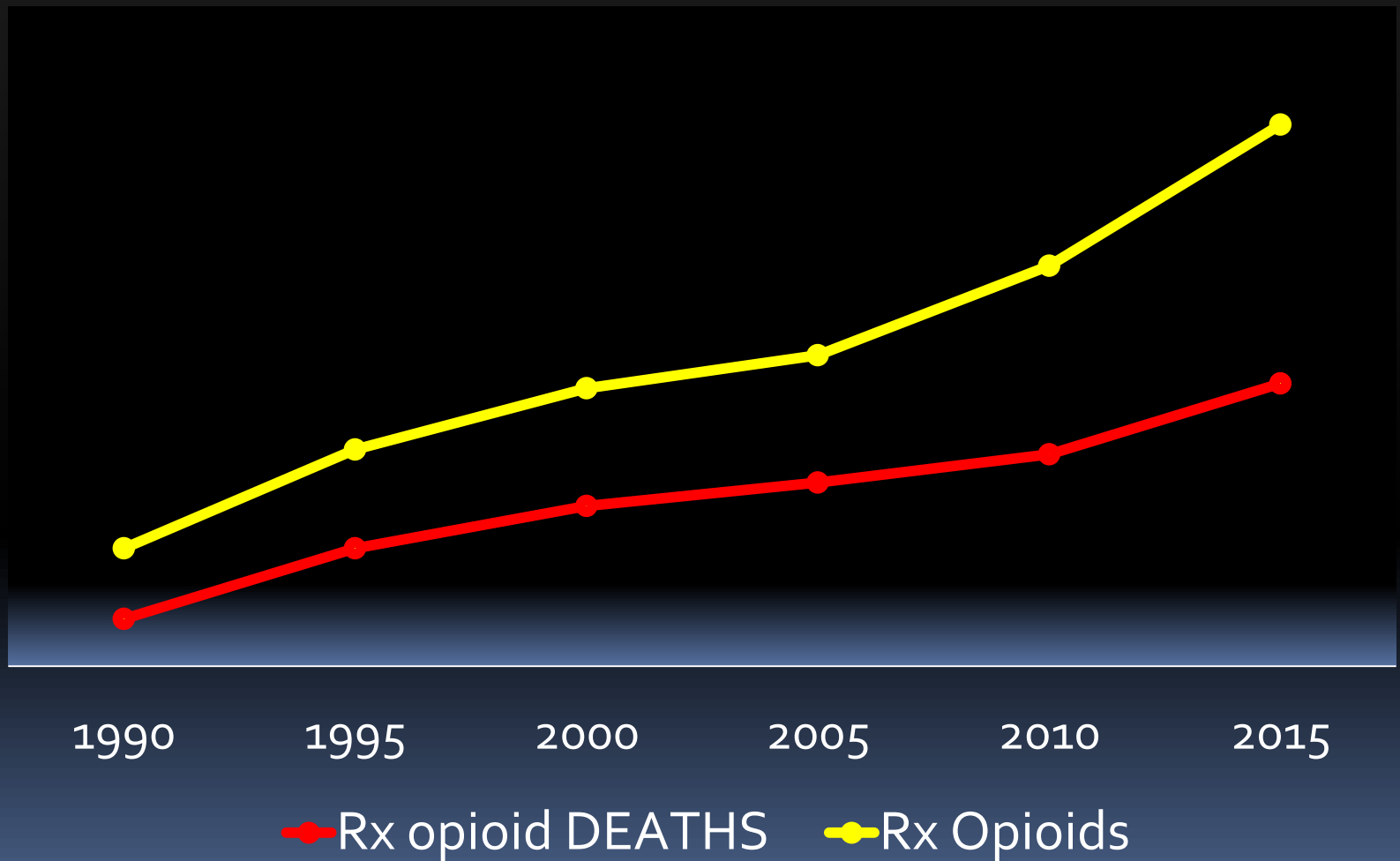
## Death Rate Prescription Opioid OD 1990-2015

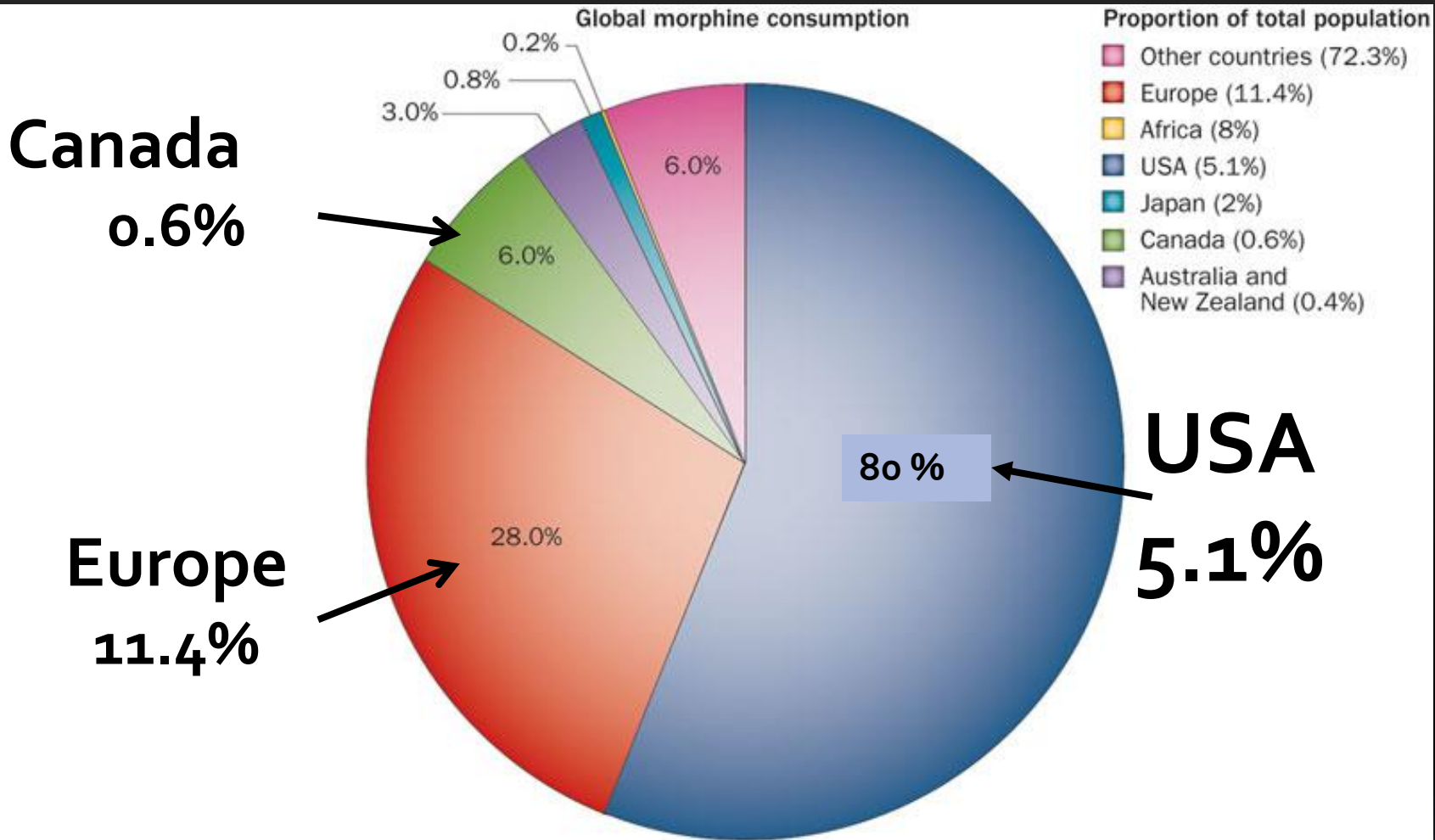


## Death Rate HIV-AIDS 1983-1990



# Opioid Prescribing Habits vs. Prescription Opioid OD Deaths

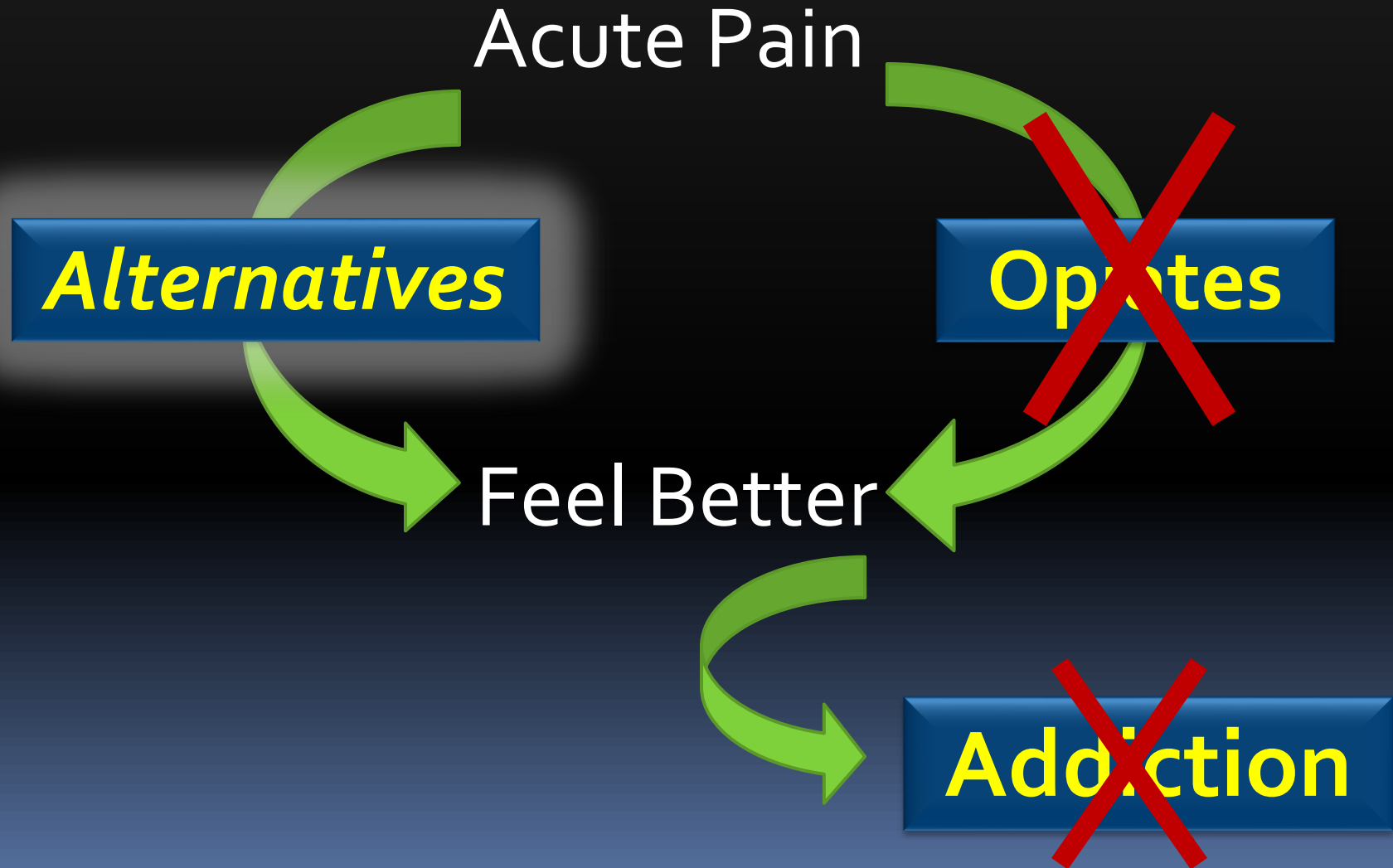




**100% of the world's hydrocodone**

**81% of world's oxycodone**

# What can we do in the ER?



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Alternatives to Opioids

Acute Pain Protocols

- Renal Colic
  - Musculoskeletal Pain
  - Lumbar Radiculopathy
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- Migraine Headache
  - Extremity Fracture/Dislocation

# Opioids are necessary.....

.....but they are not the solution for all pain

- **THINK** before you prescribe
- **USE** alternatives whenever possible
- **CARE** about the patient

# Talk about painful

## Fact 255:

The largest number of children born to one woman is recorded at 69. A Russian peasant woman gave birth to 16 sets of twins, 7 sets of triplets, and 4 sets of quadruplets.

**Feodor Vassilyev G27P69**

c 1707-1782

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# Case 1

- MM is a 57 year old female who presents to the ED with severe LEFT flank pain and vomiting. She has h/o kidney stones in the past.
  - PMHx: none, PSHx: none, NKDA, No med prior to arrival
- Toradol<sup>®</sup> 30 mg IV
- 1 L NS
- Zofran<sup>®</sup> 4 mg IV

# Case 1, continued


- MM reports minimal pain relief and is still in distress. Next line therapy?
- Morphine?
  - Patient received morphine 5 mg IV.
    - VERY minimal pain relief
  - She receives another morphine 5 mg IV + Zofran®
    - Pain is unchanged and she is vomiting

## Case 2

- JA 28 year old male presents with severe kidney stone pain. He has a history of kidney stone pain in the past and is in recovery for heroin addiction, 7 months clean.
- Last time he has a kidney stone, he received morphine, he states it took him weeks to overcome the craving for heroin



# Alternatives?

- He asks if there is an alternative to morphine, he states at another facility they said “no” and he was torn between pain relief and a potential relapse.
  - Is there evidence to support the use of alternatives for kidney stone pain?
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# Intravenous Lidocaine

- Intractable oncological pain
  - Improved pain with fewer side effects, compared to opiates alone
  - Little to no toxicity
  - Improved quality of life
- Post-operative pain relief, meta-analysis
  - Reduced pain at rest, with movement, and with cough
  - No statistical difference in adverse events

# Lidocaine for Post-Op Pain

## Cochrane Review

- Immediately reduced pain lasting up to 24 hours
- Less opiates
- Decreased LOS
- Quicker bowel function return
- Less nausea
- No difference in rate of death, arrhythmia, toxicity, or other heart disorder
- ***Moderate evidence that intravenous lidocaine has an impact on pain scores compared to placebo***

# Lidocaine vs. Morphine

## RCT Renal Colic

- Lidocaine had lower pain scores compared to morphine at 5, 10, 15, and 30 minutes post-administration
- No difference in adverse events

# Adverse Events

## IV Lidocaine

Perioral numbness 2.5%

Transient dizziness 8.3 %

Dysarthria 1.7%

**Without side effect  
87.5 %**

## Morphine

Hypotension 2.5%

Vertigo 1.7%

Nausea/Vomiting 9.1%

**Without side effect  
86.7 %**



# Mechanism of action


- Inhibits afferent sensory conduction
  - Analgesia
- Paralyzes the ureter
  - Quicker stone passage?

# Intravenous Lidocaine

- Cardiac Monitor
- 1.5 mg/kg (200 mg/100 mL NS) over 10 minutes on a pump
  - MAX 200 mg
- EXCLUSIONS-
  - Seizure or malignant arrhythmia



# Take Home Point #1

- Intravenous lidocaine is a safe and effective analgesic for renal colic.
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# Fastest Toilet

55 mph



# Case 3

- 57 M presents with 2 days of acute low back pain after moving a sofa. Has tried ibuprofen once per day without much relief. He states oxycodone has helped him in the past.
  - PMHx- high cholesterol
  - NKDA
  - What's the best treatment for him?

# Acute Low Back Pain

- Opioids are not first line, especially in the ED
- Early opioids prescribing
  - Increase rate of MRI
  - Significantly higher medical costs
  - 29% more likely to end up on chronic opioids

# Alternatives

- NSAIDS
  - Trigger Point Injection
- Tylenol®
- Topicals
  - Muscle Relaxants
  - Lidoderm®, Voltaren®, Flector®

# NSAIDs and Tylenol®

- NSAIDs are effective
  - No better with Oxycodone/APAP
  - No better with Cyclobenzaprine
- Analgesic ceiling
  - ~400 mg/dose or ~1200 mg/day
- NSAIDs work better with Tylenol®
  - Tylenol® 1000 mg



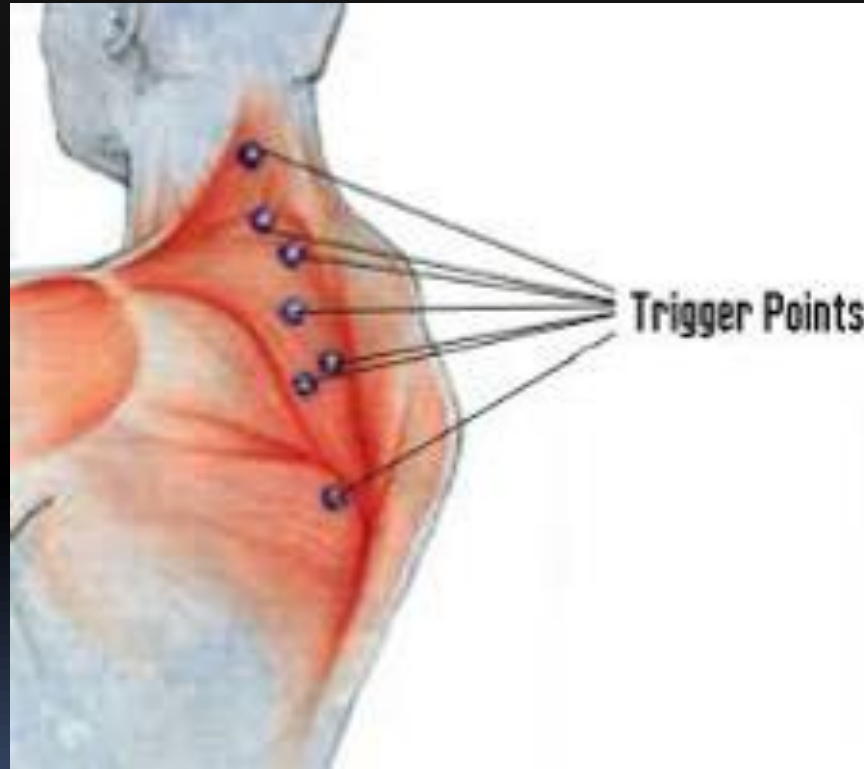
# Topicals

- Lidoderm® patches
- Diclofenac gel improves pain associated with OA of the knee and musculoskeletal injuries
  - **NNT 1.8**




# Trigger Point Injection

## Definition





# Myofascial Trigger Points

- Tension Headache
  - Tinnitus
  - Temporomandibular joint pain
  - Torticollis
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# Myofascial Trigger Points

- According to the CDC in a 2009 report, myofascial pain of the back is the second most common cause of disability in working-age adults.
- Myofascial pain affects an estimated 10% of the US population and is typically underdiagnosed in the ED as a cause of pain

# Most Common Trigger Point Location



# Trigger Point Injection

## Indications

- Palpable taut band or nodule in skeletal muscle with referred pain
- Palpation reproduces pain
- Acute or chronic MSK pain

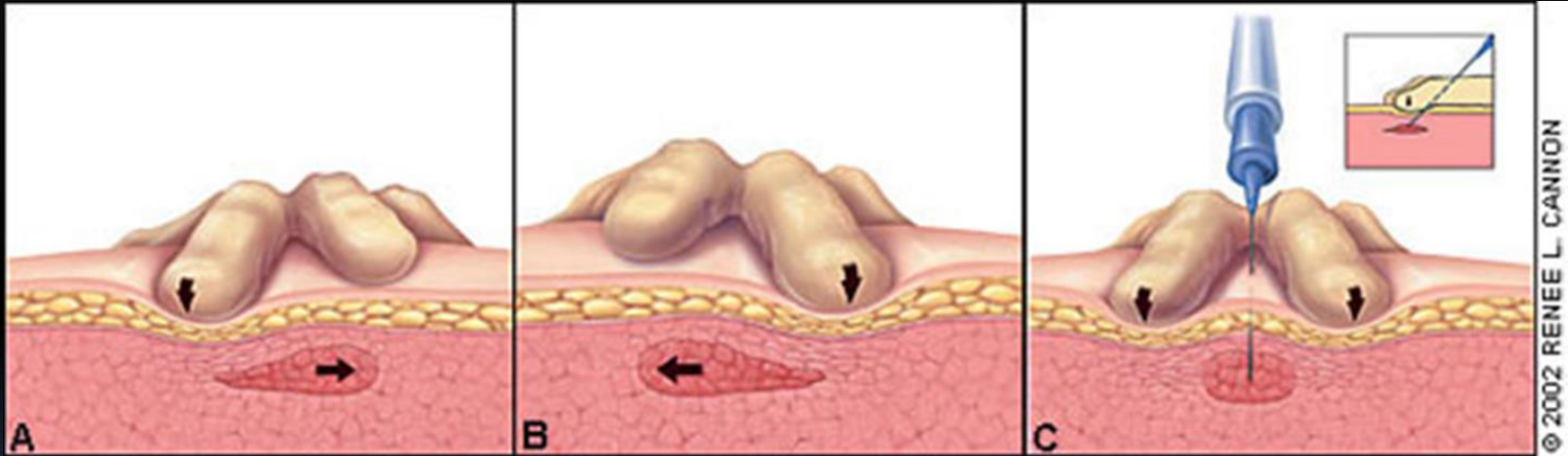
## Contraindications

- Cellulitis over target area
- Anticoagulation
- Allergy to local anesthetic

# Trigger Point Injection Equipment

- 0.5% bupivacaine without epi- 1-2 mL
  - +/- steroids
- 25 gauge needle
- Alcohol swap
- Band-Aid®
- Consent
  - Infection, bleeding

# Trigger Point Injection Technique





# Take Home Point # 2

- Most acute low back pain does not require opioids
- NSAIDs + Tylenol® + Topicals
  - Muscle relaxant may be necessary
- **Trigger Point Injections**
  - **It's a billable procedure**

2,583 unique rubber ducks!




Photo via [guinnessworldrecords.com](http://guinnessworldrecords.com)

## Case 4

- 57 M with chronic pain due to lumbar radiculopathy presents with an acute flare. He takes MS Contin<sup>®</sup> 100 mg PO BID and oxycodone 30 prn.
- No focal neuro deficits but in severe distress.
- Management?



# Your Brain on Opioids

- The neurochemistry of the brain changes when exposed to chronic opioids
  - More opioids does not equal better relief
  - Allodynia
  - Hyperalgesia
  - Chronic Pain
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# Opioid Tolerant Patients

- NSAID + Tylenol®
- Gabapentin 300 mg
- Diazepam or cyclobenzaprine
- Ketamine infusion + drip

# Ketamine for Analgesia

- Antagonizes NMDA receptor
  - Sole agent for analgesia
- Sub-dissociative dosing
  - 0.3 mg/kg infusion
  - 0.1 mg/kg/hour drip
- Opioid sparing effect
- No vital sign changes, no additional monitoring

# Ketamine

- Intranasal
  - Safe in children
  - 0.5 mg/kg MAX 50 mg/dose
    - MAX volume 1 mL/naris
  - No change in vital signs
  - Significant reduction in pain score
  - Easy to administer
  - Can re-dose
  - Works within 15 minutes

# Take Home Message #3

- Ketamine can be used in conjunction with opioids or as a sole agent for analgesia in the emergency department for acute and chronic pain.
- Intranasal administration is effective and easy.
  - Supported by ACEP and SAEM



# Case 5

(last case)

- 23 M comes to ED for gluteal abscess. You are in the urgent care/fast track section. The abscess is LARGE. He has had them before and is pleading with you to “put me to sleep”!
- What do you do?

# Nitrous Oxide



# Nitrous Oxide


- Tasteless colorless gas administered in combination with oxygen via mask or nasal hood
  - Maximum concentration 70% N<sub>2</sub>O
- Absorbed via pulmonary vasculature and does not combine with hemoglobin or other body tissues
- Rapid onset and elimination
  - <60 seconds

# Benefits of Nitrous Oxide


- Analgesic and anxiolytic agent
  - Use along with local anesthetic or other pain medications
  - Releases enkephalins, effects reversed with naloxone
- Only monitoring is pulse oximetry
- No NPO requirements, patient can drive after administration, no IV line needed

# Nitrous Oxide Evidence

- It indicated for any and every painful condition
- All ages



- Laceration
- Lumbar puncture
- Peripheral and central venous access
- I&D
- FB removal
- Burn/Wound Care
- Fecal Disimpaction



# The Downside to Nitrous Oxide


- Abuse potential
- Mobile unit
- Patient or nurse must hold mask
- Patients may feel claustrophobic when using the facemask

# Contraindications

- COPD or severe active asthma
- Severe vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency
- Otitis Media, Sinusitis
- Bowel Obstruction
- Altered level of consciousness
  - Psychiatric disease, EtOH, Head Injury
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester pregnancy



# Take Home Point #4

- Nitrous Oxide is a fast acting easily administered analgesic, ideal for the management of acute pain
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# Summary

- Renal colic → **IV LIDOCAINE**
- Low Back Pain → **Tylenol®, NSAIDs, topicals and Trigger Point Injection**
- Opiate Tolerance → **KETAMINE**
- Procedures → **NITROUS**

# ALTO<sup>SM</sup> results

- N= 1600 patients
- **47.6% reduction** in opioids for acute low back pain, renal colic, and headache
  - p= 0.0001
- Pain scores pre-ALTO 8 → 1.9
- Pain score post-ALTO 7.9 → 2.0

# Keep exposure to a minimum

- The use of alternatives for pain management decreases unnecessary exposure of potential harmful medications to our patients.
- Opioids are important but should not be reflexively prescribed
- Dr. Shroff says “I’ve gone 3 shifts without prescribing any Percocet<sup>®</sup>, people are happy and have had great pain relief”




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- Departments
  - Physical Therapy
  - Family Medicine
  - Psychiatry
  - Pain Management



# ALTO<sup>SM</sup> Partnerships

- St. Joseph's Opioid Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Distribution Program
  - Opioid Overdose Recovery Program
    - 49% of patients approached enrolled in recovery
  - Straight and Narrow Program
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# Coming soon...

- Suboxone® induction in the ED
- Acupuncture for pain management in the ED



# EDUCATE

- Multidisciplinary approach
- Prevention is KEY! Keep opioid naïve patients opioid free
  - Utilize alternatives when possible
  - Collaborate with outpatient physicians
  - Reserve opioids as rescue medication NOT first line
- Support patients who suffer from the DISEASE of addiction



If you'd like to know more

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Section*

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