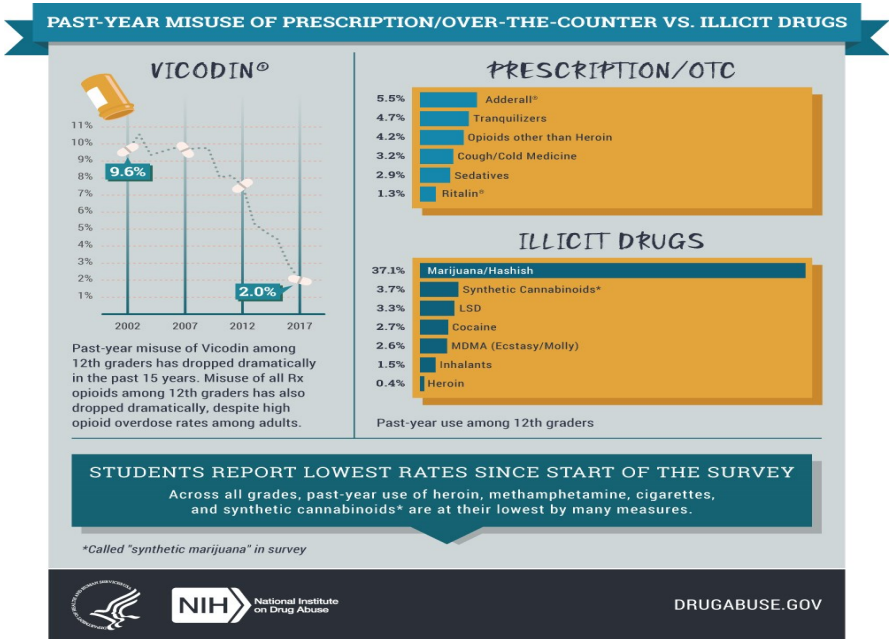
Prescription opioid pain medicines such as OxyContin and Vicodin have similar effect to heroin.



In a recent study, nearly 60% of patients using prescription opioids were also taking other prescription drugs that put them at higher risk of overdose; more than 29% were prescribed benzodiazepines, 28% were prescribed muscle relaxants, and 8% were prescribed all three medications concurrently.

You might not realize this, but if you have had a sports injury, dental work, or surgery, it is possible your doctor gave you a pain reliever that was actually an opioid medication.

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For more information or for assistance with treatment please call, Bergen County Office of Alcohol and Drug Dependency, 201-634-2740

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