

Total opioid prescriptions down for children, young adults in the U.S.

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(HealthDay)—Total opioid prescriptions have decreased in patients

under 25 years of age, but opioids remain commonly dispensed, according to a study published online June 28 in *JAMA Pediatrics*.

Madeline H. Renny, M.D., from the New York University Grossman School of Medicine in New York City, and colleagues examined trends in [opioid](#) prescribing practices in U.S. children, [adolescents](#), and younger adults (5 years, the mean amount of opioids dispensed and rates of short-duration and high-dosage prescriptions decreased, with the largest decreases seen among those aged 15 to 24 years. Prescription duration remained longer than five days across all age groups. For all age groups

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