

# SENIORS & OPIOIDS

A Choices Matter survey of Americans aged 50+

## Seniors & Opioid Overprescribing

**70%**

agree that opioids are being overprescribed

NEARLY

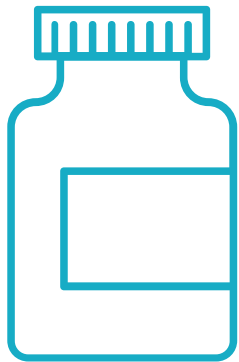
**60%**

are concerned that taking opioids can lead to addiction and dependence



**6 IN 10**

are specifically concerned that their peers are taking too many opioids



Despite these concerns, risky behavior is occurring:

### LEFTOVER PILLS

About **one-third** of respondents who have been prescribed opioids keep unused pills in their home

### MISUSE

Nearly **40%** use leftover opioids to treat pain associated with conditions the drugs were not prescribed to treat



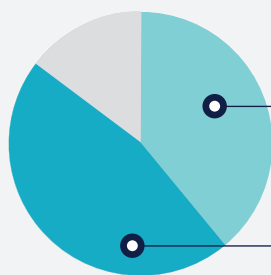
## Seniors, Opioids & Surgery

NEARLY

**1 IN 4** seniors

would avoid surgery due to concerns about taking opioids to manage pain

Types of surgery most feared by seniors:



**37%**

### GENERAL

(Hernia, Colorectal, Gallbladder)

**44%**

### ORTHOPEDIC

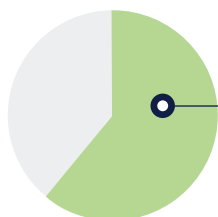
(Knee, Hip, Rotator Cuff)

## Seniors & Non-Opioids

**82%**

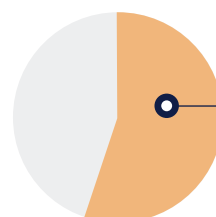
agree that patients and doctors need more access to non-opioid options

Majority believe that access to non-opioids would:



REDUCE ADDICTION

**61%**



REDUCE OPIOID RELATED DEATHS

**55%**