Knowing the Risks of Opioid Prescription Pain Medications

Common names include: Percocet®, OxyContin®, and Vicodin®.

These medications:
- Cause your brain to block the feeling of pain; they do not treat the underlying cause of pain.
- Are very addictive and increase your chances of accidental overdose, coma, and death.

Proper Dosage:
- Never share your prescription with anyone.
- Do not increase dosage or take more often than directed.

Dispose of Medicines Safely:
- The FDA recommends flushing opioid prescription pain medications down the toilet when they are no longer needed. Unused medications can also be brought to a drug disposal site.

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