This new guide to web resources on Opiate Addiction and Treatment includes links to trustworthy resources on the following topics:

- Understanding addiction
- Opioid overdose
- Medications to treat opioid addiction
- Opioid prescribing during pregnancy/neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Pre-formulated searches of PubMed
- NLM Drug Information Portal
- MedlinePlus
- NLM Disaster Literature
- NLM Catalog

The U.S. is in the midst of an opioid epidemic, with approximately 12.5 million people having misused prescription opioids and over 33,000 deaths by opioid overdose in 2015.

In response to the epidemic, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) has released a number of educational resources for healthcare providers, patients, and consumers.
Opioid Addiction

- What is drug addiction?
- Why do people take drugs?
- Opioids and the brain
- Why do some people become addicted to drugs, while others do not?
- The effects of opioid misuse on the body
- Fentanyl
- Heroin
- Prescription opioids and illegal opioids – What is the connection?
- Comorbidity or dual diagnosis
- Pregnancy and opioids
- Drug abuse and adolescents
- Stigma and opioids

Opioid Treatment

- Treatment basics
- Medications and behavioral therapies
- Drug abuse treatment as part of healthcare
- Preventing overdoses and overdose deaths

MedlinePlus is NLM’s Premier Resource for Consumer Health Information.

MedlinePlus provides authoritative and up-to-date information from the National Institutes of Health and other trusted sources on over 1000 diseases and conditions. Resources in MedlinePlus include:
- Directories
- Medical Encyclopedia
- Health information in Spanish
- Information on prescription and non-prescription drugs
- Links to Clinical Trials and PubMed

Discover patient education material on the following topics related specifically to the epidemic:
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Opioid Abuse and Addiction
- Pregnancy and Substance Abuse
- Prescription Drug Abuse
- Substance Abuse Problems

Opioids

- Basics
- Pain
- Prescription opioid medicines
- Opioid pain medication management
- What you should know if your child is prescribed opioids for pain
- Getting rid of unused opioids

In response to the current opioid crisis, the National Library of Medicine partnered with Healthy Roads Media to produce a collection of materials that teach people about opioids and misuse
- 22 easy-to-read handouts, videos, and audio recordings
- Available in English and Spanish

https://healthreach.nlm.nih.gov/

https://medlineplus.gov/