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- An estimated 1 out of 5 patients with non-cancer pain or pain-related diagnoses are prescribed opioids
- Nearly 2 million Americans abused or were dependent on prescription opioids in 2014
- From 1999-2015, more than 180,000 people died from overdoses related to prescription opioids
- Since 1999, sales of prescription opioids in the U.S. have quadrupled
- Managing chronic pain can be devastating. Patients can work with doctors to find safe & effective ways to treat patients.
- Establish treatment goals and discuss risks and benefits of therapy with patients.

**\*\*UOP encourages you to talk to your health care provider about the values of vaccines.**

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