The unintended consequences of opioid prescriptions

Your opioid prescription can have unintended consequences, both for yourself and those around you.

Your prescription:

• Can increase your risk of developing an opioid use disorder
• Can impair both mental and physical functioning, and features side effects such as sleepiness, nausea and a significantly increased risk of car crashes
• Can increase your risk for overmedication and overdose; prescription opioids were involved in almost 1 in 3 opioid overdose deaths in 2018

Limit the risks for yourself and those around you.

Learn how to ask your doctor about alternatives to opioids at nsc.org/takeback.