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**Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Pain* at Which Opioids† Were Given or Prescribed, by Patient Age and Year — National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2005–2016**

The percentage of ED visits for pain with an opioid given or prescribed for those aged <18 years was stable from 2005 to 2011 but decreased from 2011 to 2016 from 14.3% to 8.5%. Among those aged 18–44 years and 45–64 years, the percentage increased from 2005 to 2010 but then decreased from 2010 to 2016. There was no significant change in opioid prescribing for visits for pain by adults aged ≥65 years, with 38.1% of visits including an opioid in 2016. The percentage of ED visits for pain with an opioid was lower for visits by children compared with adults, with adults aged 45–64 years having the highest percentage (43.8%) in 2016.


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For more information on this topic, CDC recommends the following link: https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/providers/index.html.