

## Kaiser Permanente Commitment Statement on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic

Opioid misuse and addiction is a national crisis, with more than 1,000 people being treated in emergency integrated health care system, has been actively addressing the crisis using a comprehensive approach that encompasses clinician education and support, community protection, patient safety, and patient education. From 2011 to 2017, we have had a 40 percent reduction in overall morphine milligram equivalents prescribed. To continue this effort, we pledge our commitment to working with the National Academy of Medicine and other Action Collaborative partners to develop patient-centered, evidence-based, effective solutions to end this public health epidemic while providing safe, appropriate care for patients with pain.

Kaiser Permanente has developed the [Four-Pronged Approach to Safety](#) advanced and supported by components such as telehealth, pain communication, thought leadership, program innovation, and our patient-focused, integrated care model.

Kaiser Permanente is committed to addressing the dependence and/or addiction to controlled substances. Our physicians and clinicians prescribe safe opioid treatments and non-opioid therapies, when