

Premier Inc.'s Commitment to Take Action on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic

On top of losing family members and friends to the opioid epidemic, it's costing consumers and taxpayers, as well as hospitals. In fact, annual hospital care for overdose patients represents a significant portion of healthcare expenditures and can be detrimental to providers in regions with high addiction rates.

A [Premier analysis found](#) that total care for patients who experienced an opioid overdose resulted in

trends and pinpoint opportunity areas. Premier also transparently shares its data on [national industry trends](#).

5. **Monitoring and tracking patients in real time.** Premier is advancing technology to monitor patient status across units to help prevent adverse outcomes. For example, medication surveillance solutions can fire real-time alerts when a patient receives a potentially high-risk drug or a drug that could cause a dangerous interaction. Premier also offers clinical decision support tools, which help clinicians select the correct dosage and duration of drugs, and solutions that monitor patients who are prescribed high-dose, extended-release opioids, to help screen for signs of overdose.