

**Opioid Use Disorder** consists of an overpowering desire to use opioids, increase opioid tolerance, and withdrawal syndrome when discontinued



## Did You Know?



The U.S. comprises **5%** of the world's population, but accounts for **27%** of the world's death from opioid use.



There was a **27%** increase in opioid overdoses between August 2019-August 2020.



**8-12%** of people who use opioids for chronic pain develop opioid use disorder (OUD).

### Why is OUD still prevalent?

- Gaps in institutional policies including conflicts between organizational goals and those of providers and patients
- Insufficient education and training in pain and OUD at all levels of the health professions
- Lack of patient access to appropriate care

### How to prevent OUD

- Identify practice gaps and better methods of tracking professional competencies
- Foster interpersonal collaboration among accrediting and certifying organizations
- Establish core competencies in pain management for all health care professionals, and support tracking of their competence

## Resources

- Informational Podcasts
- Journal Articles on Opioid Use Disorder
- CME Learning Modules

