

# THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC & SMOKING

## Quick Facts

**1) SMOKING IS A RISK FACTOR FOR NONMEDICAL USE OF PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS**

**2) DAILY & INTERMITTENT SMOKERS ARE **3X** MORE LIKELY TO REPORT PAST-YEAR NONMEDICAL PRESCRIPTION OPIOID USE**

**3) THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SMOKING & PAIN**

# 85%

**4) OF PATIENTS IN TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION SMOKE**

(HIGHER THAN ALCOHOL USE DISORDER)

**5) NICOTINE MAY ENHANCE THE REWARDING PROPERTIES OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS TO THE NEURAL SYSTEM**

**6) PAIN CAN INCREASE SMOKING AND THE MAINTENANCE OF TOBACCO ADDICTION CREATING A POSITIVE FEEDBACK LOOP**

**7) ACTION STEP:  
ALWAYS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT TOBACCO USE WHEN ASSESSING THE ABUSE POTENTIAL OF PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS**