Every day, more than 301 people in the United States die after overdosing on opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids—including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl—is a serious national crisis.[1] In California there were over 7,100 opioid overdose deaths in 2021, including over 3,900 deaths from fentanyl.

Hospitalization is a "reachable moment" for many people with opioid use disorder (OUD).[3] To accelerate hospital progress in building systems to treat hospitalized patients with OUD and train health care professionals in opioid safety practices, Cal Hospital Compare developed the California Opioid Care Honor Roll Program. The goal of the program is increased access to addiction treatment for hospitalized patients and reduction of opioid-related deaths.

- All California adult, acute care hospitals were invited to participate, and 110 hospitals voluntarily submitted data sharing their progress on implementing evidence-based practices to address the opioid crisis.

- The 110 participating hospitals represent just 1/3 of all adult, acute care hospitals in California, but reflect a diverse cross section of all California hospitals across rural, urban, and academic care settings.

- Participation in the Opioid Care Honor Roll is a signal to California's healthcare community that all 110 hospitals are actively accelerating and strengthening their opioid stewardship programs.

- Participating hospitals answered eight questions across four key domains of care including safe and effective opioid use, identifying and treating patients with OUD, overdose prevention, and applying cross-cutting opioid management best practices.

- The 2023 Opioid Care Honor roll recognizes four tiers of performance: Superior Performance, Excellent Progress, Most Improved and Sustained Improvement. The methodology is detailed [here](#).

- 42 hospitals achieved 'Superior Performance,' with 31 of those hospitals having 'Sustained' improvement over the past two years.

- Hospitals achieving 'Superior Performance' have implemented advanced, innovative opioid stewardship strategies across multiple service lines, consistently achieving the highest level of performance. In addition, these hospitals are actively measuring and monitoring performance for the purpose of continued quality improvement.

- 35 hospitals achieved 'Excellent Progress.' Hospitals achieving 'Excellent Progress' have taken steps to spread and scale appropriate opioid prescribing guidelines, OUD treatment, and overdose prevention strategies across one or more service lines that reduce the use and risk of opioids for patients who visit emergency rooms, new patients with pain, and patients being discharged to reduce the likelihood of chronic use.

- o 32 hospitals achieved the 'Most Improved' designation. Over the past 12 months, these hospitals have made tremendous progress advancing their opioid stewardship programs in two or more domains of care. This level of progress requires close collaboration between all members of the quality improvement team, and continuous rapid cycle improvement.

- o Of the 110 hospitals, 50 of them earned extra credit for providing additional harm reduction services, including but not limited to providing access to low cost or no cost fentanyl test strips and safe injection kits, and information on how to properly store and dispose of opioid medications.

- o There is still room for improvement in various areas. These opportunities encompass addressing stigma among physicians and staff, enhancing patient and family engagement, and devising innovative strategies that consider social determinants of health.

- o In 2024, Cal Hospital Compare will update the Opioid Management Hospital Self-Assessment with emerging best practices and continue to support their rapid spread among participating hospitals.

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[1] https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/17/us/politics/drug-overdose-deaths.html#:~:text=The%20number%20leveled%20off%20after,for%20Disease%20Control%20and%20Prevention. Accessed June 1, 2023

[2] https://skylab.cdph.ca.gov/ODdash/?tab=CA Accessed June 1, 2023

[3] Bottner & Moriates. *Hospitals are missing link in easing the opioid crisis.* STAT, Jun 2019. Accessed Nov 13, 2020.

Sustained Improvement (Superior Performance 2 years running)	
Hospital Name	**City**
Adventist Health Bakersfield	Bakersfield
Adventist Health Howard Memorial	Willits
Adventist Health Ukiah Valley	Ukiah
Antelope Valley Medical Center	Lancaster
Barton Memorial Hospital	South Lake Tahoe
Clovis Community Medical Center	Clovis
Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula	Monterey
Community Regional Medical Center	Fresno
Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	Martinez
Dignity Health Bakersfield Memorial Hospital	Bakersfield
Dignity Health California Hospital Medical Center	Los Angeles
Dignity Health Mercy General Hospital	Sacramento
Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta	Mount Shasta
Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Redding	Redding
Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital	Woodland
Eisenhower Medical Center	Rancho Mirage
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	Torrance
Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian	Newport Beach
Hoag Orthopedic Institute	Irvine
LAC+USC Medical Center	Los Angeles
MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center	Long Beach
MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center	Fountain Valley
MemorialCare Saddleback Medical Center	Laguna Hills
Olive View-UCLA Medical Center	Sylmar
Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center	Downey
Scripps Green Hospital	San Diego
Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas	San Diego
Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla	San Diego
Scripps Mercy Hospital	San Diego
UC Davis Health	Sacramento
UC Irvine Health	Orange

Superior Performance	
Hospital Name	**City**
Adventist Health Mendocino Coast	Fort Bragg
Dignity Health Methodist Hospital	Sacramento
Dignity Health Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	Grass Valley
Kaiser Permanente San Rafael Medical Center	San Rafael
Mee Memorial	King City

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Superior Performance	
Hospital Name	**City**
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	Pomona
Providence Mission Hospital	Mission Viejo
Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center	Fortuna
Providence St. Jude Medical Center	Fullerton
Sharp Coronado Hospital	Coronado
Southwest Temecula Valley Hospital	Temecula

Excellent Progress	
Hospital Name	**City**
Adventist Health Glendale	Glendale
Adventist Health Lodi Memorial	Lodi
Adventist Health Rideout	Marysville
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	Colton
Community Memorial Health System	Ventura
Cottage Health	Santa Barbara
Dignity Health Marian Regional Medical Center	Santa Maria
Dignity Health Mercy Hospital of Folsom	Folsom
Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Merced	Merced
Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Medical Center	Carmichael
Dignity Health Northridge Hospital	Northridge
Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital	Redwood City
Dignity Health St. Bernadine Medical Center	San Bernardino
Dignity Health St. Joseph's Medical Center	Stockton
Dignity Health St. Mary Medical Center	Long Beach
Enloe Medical Center	Chico
John Muir Health, Concord Medical Center	Concord
John Muir Health, Walnut Creek Medical Center	Walnut Creek
Marshall Medical Center	Placerville
Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital	Los Angeles
NorthBay VacaValley Hospital	Vacaville
Saint Agnes Medical Center	Fresno
Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System	Salinas
San Mateo Medical Center	San Mateo
SCVH O'Connor Hospital	Santa Clara
SCVH Santa Clara Valley Medical Center	San Jose
SCVH St. Louise Regional Hospital	Gilroy
Sharp Grossmont Hospital	La Mesa
Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley	Pleasanton
Tahoe Forest Hospital District	Truckee
UCLA Health - Santa Monica	Los Angeles

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Excellent Progress	
Hospital Name	**City**
UCLA Health - Ronald Reagan	Los Angeles
UC San Diego Health	San Diego
Watsonville Community Hospital	Watsonville
Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital	San Francisco

Most Improved	
Hospital Name	**City/Town:**
Adventist Health Glendale	Glendale
Adventist Health Lodi Memorial	Lodi
Adventist Health Mendocino Coast	Fort Bragg
Bear Valley Community Healthcare District	Big Bear Lake
Community Memorial Health System	Ventura
Cottage Health	Santa Barbara
Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center	Glendale
Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Merced	Merced
Dignity Health Methodist Hospital	Sacramento
Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital	Redwood City
Dignity Health Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital	Grass Valley
Dignity Health St. Bernadine Medical Center	San Bernardino
Dignity Health St. Elizabeth Community Hospital	Red Bluff
John Muir Health, Concord Medical Center	Concord
John Muir Health, Walnut Creek Medical Center	Walnut Creek
Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital	Los Angeles
Northbay Medical Center	Fairfield
NorthBay VacaValley Hospital	Vacaville
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	Pomona
Providence Cedars Sinai Tarzana Medical Center	Tarzana
Providence Mission Hospital	Mission Viejo
Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center	Fortuna
Providence St. Jude Medical Center	Fullerton
Saint Agnes Medical Center	Fresno
Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System	Salinas
SCVH O'Connor Hospital	Santa Clara
Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center	Chula Vista
Sharp Coronado Hospital	Coronado
Sharp Grossmont Hospital	La Mesa
Sharp Memorial Hospital	San Diego
Stanford Health Care - St. Rose Hospital	Hayward
Tahoe Forest Hospital District	Truckee

Participant	
Hospital Name	**City/Town:**
Adventist Health Sonora	Sonora
Adventist Health White Memorial	Los Angeles
AHMC Garfield Medical Center	Monterey Park
Dignity Health Arroyo Grande Community Hospital	Arroyo Grande
Dignity Health Dominican Hospital	Santa Cruz
Dignity Health French Hospital Medical Center	San Luis Obispo
Dignity Health Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield	Bakersfield
Dignity Health Saint Francis Memorial Hospital	San Francisco
Dignity Health St. Mary's Medical Center	San Francisco
Kaweah Health	Visalia
Keck Hospital of USC	Los Angeles
PIH Health Downey Hospital	Downey, Calif
PIH Health Whittier Hospital	Whittier
Providence Healdsburg Hospital	Healdsburg
Providence St. Joseph Eureka	Eureka
Riverside University Health System - Medical Center	Moreno Valley
San Joaquin General Hospital	French Camp
Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns	San Diego
Sonoma Valley Hospital	Sonoma
Sutter Amador Hospital	Jackson
Sutter Davis Hospital	Davis
Sutter Medical Center Sacramento	Sacramento
Sutter Memorial Medical Center of Modesto	Modesto
Tri City Medical Center	Oceanside
USC Arcadia	Arcadia