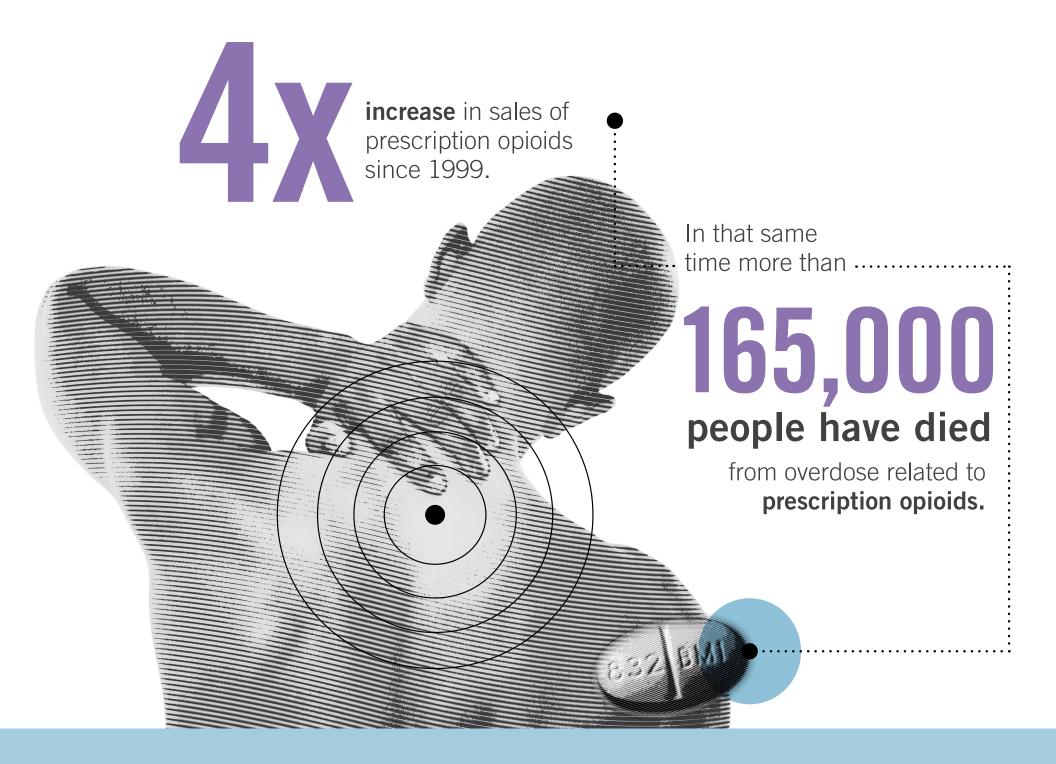
REDUCE OVERDOSE. PRESCRIBE RESPONSIBLY.

OVERPRESCRIBING LEADS TO MORE ABUSE AND MORE OVERDOSE DEATHS.



REFER TO THE CDC GUIDELINE FOR PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS FOR CHRONIC PAIN FOR RESPONSIBLE PRESCRIBING OF THESE DRUGS¹.

- Don't use opioids routinely for chronic pain. Use nonopioid therapies alone or in combination with opioids. Only consider opioid therapy if you expect benefits for pain and function to outweigh risks.
- When opioids are used, start with the lowest effective dosage and short-acting opioids instead of extended-release/long-acting opioids.
- 3 FOLLOW-UP

Regularly assess whether opioids are improving pain and function without causing harm. If benefits do not outweigh harms, optimize other therapies and work with patients to taper opioids.

¹Recommendations do not apply to pain management in the context of active cancer treatment, palliative care, and end-of-life care

