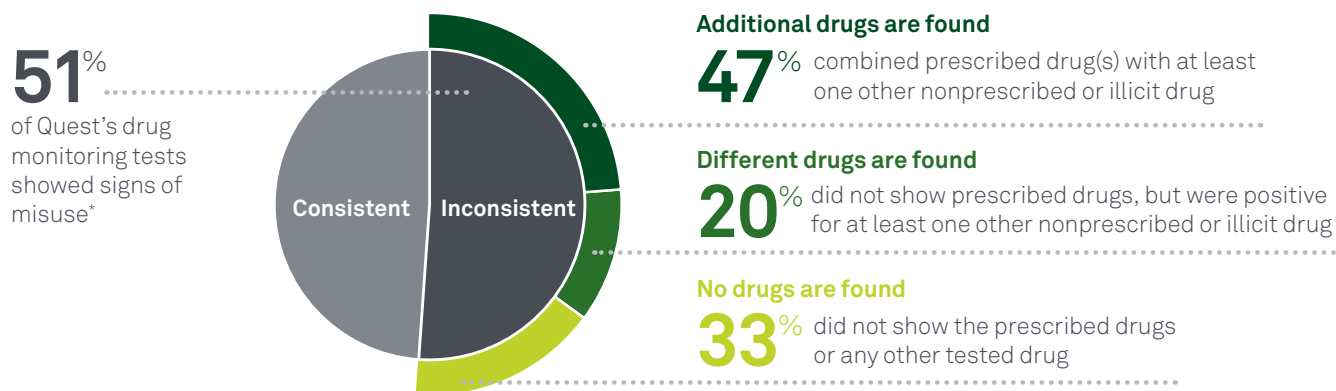


Quest study provides diagnostic insights on the evolving drug crisis, revealing continued drug mixing and illicit drug use

Drug Misuse in America 2019: Physician Perspectives and Diagnostic Insights on the Evolving Drug Crisis, a Quest Diagnostics Health Trends™ report, presents findings from analysis of more than 4.4 million deidentified aggregated clinical drug monitoring tests performed by Quest Diagnostics for patients from all 50 states and the District of Columbia from 2011 through 2018. The report also incorporates findings from a survey conducted by The Harris Poll, commissioned by Quest Diagnostics and Center on Addiction, of 500 primary care physicians in the United States.

More than half of patients misuse medications

Drug monitoring can provide clinicians with insights into multiple forms of possible misuse, including substance use disorders, dangerous drug combinations, and incomplete treatment or diversion.

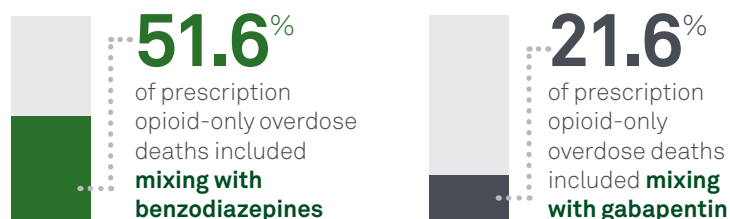


Drug mixing

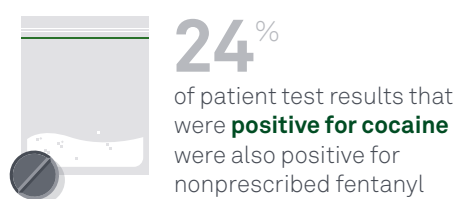
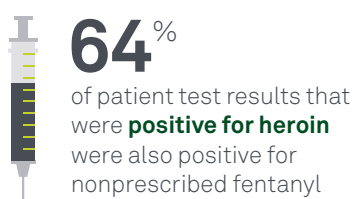
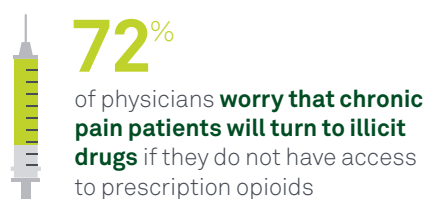
Prescription drug mixing—combining prescription medications with other drugs, including illicit drugs, other prescriptions, or alcohol—is the most prevalent form of drug misuse observed in the laboratory data.



The drug mixing and overdose death connection

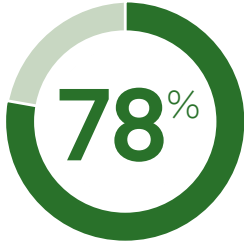


Illicit drug use



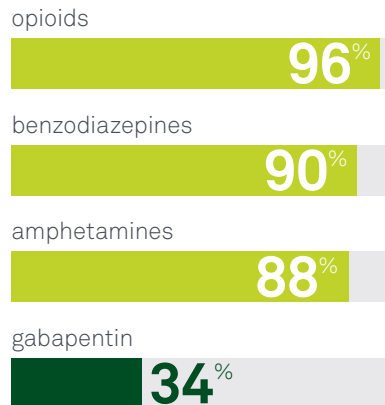
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Gabapentin misuse and illicit use on the rise



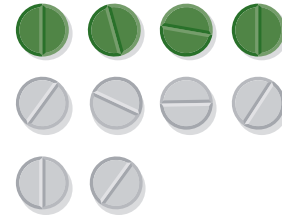
say that in an effort to avoid prescribing opioids, they often prescribe gabapentin to their patients with chronic pain

Percentage of physicians concerned about the potential misuse of:



40%

rise in gabapentin misuse in one year



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