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## Opioid Use Disorder Petition- Section 1

Information from experts who specialize in the study of the disease or condition

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Opioid Use Disorder is the physical and psychological reliance on opioids found in prescription pain medications and illegal drugs like heroin and fentanyl derivatives. Addiction occurs when dependence interferes with daily life. Symptoms include uncontrollable cravings and inability to control opioid use. People may experience whole body craving, sweating, euphoria or general angst. Some common effects are constipation, nausea, and death due to overdose. See uploaded file.

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### Section 1 Narrative

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Opioid Use Disorder is the physical and psychological reliance on opioids, found in various prescription pain medications and illegal drugs such as heroin and fentanyl derivatives. Addiction occurs when dependence interferes with daily life and becomes the focus of obtaining the next dose. This excessive reliance can easily lead one down a spiraling negative path in life.

Symptoms of addiction include uncontrollable cravings and inability to control opioid use even though it's having negative effects on personal relationships, finances and/or law abiding behaviors. People may experience whole body craving or sweating, euphoria or general angst. Some common effects are constipation, nausea, and death due to overdose.

The material is from experts who have specialized in the study of addiction. Information from the American Psychiatric Association DSM-5 Criteria for Diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder and Dr. Marc A. Schuckit as published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Note: Each subject area is separated by a dashed (==) line and has Hyperlink(s) to the full/original article from which the summary quotes or relevant sections were obtained. Note if petition reviewers are use unable to use the Hyperlink provided to obtain the reference document, Ohio Patient Network can obtain an original copy upon request. Also note any excerpts or copies of the referenced articles text are in *non bolded italics*.

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1- Mark A. Schuckit, M.D. 2016. *Treatment of Opioid-Use Disorders*. New England Journal of Medicine

- *Use of an opioid in increased amounts or longer than intended Persistent wish or unsuccessful effort to cut down or control opioid use*



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- Excessive time spent to obtain, use, or recover from opioid use
- Strong desire or urge to use an opioid
- Interference of opioid use with important obligations
- Continued opioid use despite resulting interpersonal problems, social problems (e.g., interference with work), or both
- Elimination or reduction of important activities because of opioid use
- Use of an opioid in physically hazardous situations (e.g., while driving)
- Continued opioid use despite resulting physical problems, psychological problems, or both
- Need for increased doses of an opioid for effects, diminished effect per dose, or both
- Withdrawal when dose of an opioid is decreased, use of drug to relieve withdrawal, or both

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**2- The American Psychiatric Association. 2013. Criteria for Diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder. Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, page 541.**

### DSM-5 Criteria for Diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder

1. Opioids are often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period of time than intended.
2. There is a persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control opioid use.
3. A great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain the opioid, use the opioid, or recover from its effects.
4. Craving, or a strong desire to use opioids.
5. Recurrent opioid use resulting in failure to fulfill major role obligations at work, school or home.
6. Continued opioid use despite having persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems caused or exacerbated by the effects of opioids.
7. Important social, occupational or recreational activities are given up or reduced because of opioid use.
8. Recurrent opioid use in situations in which it is physically hazardous
9. Continued use despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem that is likely to have been caused or exacerbated by opioids.
10. \*Tolerance, as defined by either of the following: (a) a need for markedly increased amounts of opioids to achieve intoxication or desired effect (b) markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of an opioid
11. \*Withdrawal, as manifested by either of the following: (a) the characteristic opioid withdrawal syndrome (b) the same (or a closely related) substance are taken to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms

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