Prescription Opioid Addiction a Growing Epidemic...

Opioids work by blocking the feeling of pain without fixing the underlying cause.

Prescription opioids may be habit forming and lead to addiction even when taken as prescribed.

Patients taking prescription opioids are also at risk for impaired breathing, unintentional overdose or death.

Caution when taking prescription opioids with:
- alcohol
- benzodiazepines (ex. Xanax®, Valium®)
- muscle relaxers (ex. Soma®, Flexeril®)
- hypnotics (ex. Ambien®, Lunesta®)

Keep Yourself and Your Loved Ones Safe

Lock
Keep medication out of sight and in a safe and secure place.

Monitor
Keep track of medication and take only as directed.

Take Back
Drop off unused medication at local Take Back locations. To find a location near you, go to www.takeback.nd.gov.

If You Are Concerned
- Talk to your pharmacist or practitioner about naloxone, a treatment to reverse overdose.
- Follow-up with your practitioner
- Find behavioral health treatment providers at www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov.