



# Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics

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## Call for Stories

### Prescription Opioid Use Disorders

*Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics* will publish a collection of personal stories from individuals who have struggled with a prescription opioid use disorder. In the United States alone, more than 200 million opioid prescriptions are written each year. While prescription opioids are effective medications for treating pain, they are also drugs of abuse and misuse; a small percentage of patients who initiate use for pain treatment develop addiction. Many people with opioid use disorders also have chronic pain. The public, policymakers, and even healthcare providers do not share unified definitions of dependence, may not fully understand how people develop opioid use disorders, or what facilitates or interferes with recovery from and coping with an opioid use disorder.

We want true, personal stories in a form that is interesting and easy to read. **Please share this invitation and guide sheet with appropriate individuals.**

In writing your story, please consider these questions:

- How do you think you became dependent on prescription opioids?
- Have you sought treatment for an opioid use disorder? What was good about it? What was bad about it? What about your experience was positive?
- What do you feel best promotes recovery and coping with a prescription opioid use disorder?
- What would you want to tell people who are struggling with a prescription use disorder? What about their friends and family?
- What would you like to tell health care providers and in particular, people who treat pain, prescribe opioids, or treat prescription opioid use disorders?
- What should people who develop policies and laws understand about this problem?

You do not need to address each of these questions—write on the issues that you think are most important to share with others. If you are not a writer, tell your story in your own words and our editorial staff will help you.

If you are interested in submitting a story, we ask you **first to submit a 300-word proposal**—a short description of the story you want to tell. **Inquiries or proposals should be sent to the editorial office via email: [narrativebioethics@gmail.com](mailto:narrativebioethics@gmail.com). We will give preference to story proposals received by March 30, 2016.**

We plan to publish 12 stories (4 – 10 double-spaced pages or 800 – 2000 words) on this topic. Some additional stories may be published as online-only supplemental material. We also publish 2 – 4 commentary articles that discuss the stories that are published in the journal. To see a finished symposium you may access *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics* Volume 3.1 for free on [Project MUSE](#).

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