Every day, 91 Americans die from opioid overdoses, and of the more than half a million fatal overdoses between 2000 and 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that over 300,000 were caused by opioids. While rising heroin consumption is partly to blame, we now know that overdoses from prescription opioids are the driving factor behind these statistics; since 1999, deaths from drugs like oxycodone and hydrocodone have quadrupled. What’s more, according to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, of the 20.5 million Americans with substance use disorders in 2015, 2 million involved prescription pain relievers and another 591,000, heroin.

**WHAT** is going on here? **HOW** can we work together to stem this rising tide?

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