



Abt Associates is a research, technical assistance and implementation company with a 50-plus-year history of working to improve the health of individuals around the world. That history encompasses our extensive work preventing opioid misuse and related harms. Our experience ranges from advising on prescribing and pain management practices to leading research on drug-trafficking organizations and identifying areas for effective intervention. We recognize the power of partnerships and cross-collaboration across sectors and believe they are critical if we are to solve the opioid crisis. As such, our commitment to the mission of the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic is reflected daily in the work we do.

Abt has worked extensively in—and is committed to—all four of the Collaborative's focus areas. We've helped two health systems in the [CDC Opioid Quality Improvement Collaborative](#) implement the CDC Prescribing Guideline and associated quality improvement measures.

Working with CDC, Abt synthesized research, assembled evidence tables and provided editorial support for draft clinical recommendations. At the request of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission we examined the opioid crisis in the state and offered potential recommendations to increase access to substance use disorder treatment.

We identify effective treatment approaches and evaluate evidence-based recovery programs, disseminating this information through important platforms such as the first-ever Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health. For the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, we are conducting a national evaluation of the Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs, helping determine what community-based strategies most effectively prevent opioid misuse.

We often provide expert research, monitoring, evaluation and services to illuminate the scope of the crisis. We have studied the need for coordinated care for pain prescriptions, resulting in a recommendation to utilize prescription drug monitoring programs to scan data, flag suspicious purchasing patterns, alert physicians and pharmacists and improve access and response time. We also conducted quantitative analyses to evaluate the effects of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Medicare Part D Opioid policy.

Abt believes in the power of data-driven solutions to align partners and initiatives in order to promote effective interventions and practices that can end the opioid crisis in America. Through our experience working with different agencies and partners, we are pleased to support the NAM's statement on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic.