At MedStar Health we recognize the need for a national response to the epidemic of opioid addiction in the U.S. and we’re pleased to support the National Academies of Medicine’s Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. epidemic. MedStar Health is a not-for-profit health system dedicated to caring for people in Maryland and the Washington, D.C., region, while advancing the practice of medicine through education, innovation and research. MedStar’s nearly 30,000 associates, over 6,000 affiliated physicians, 10 hospitals, nearly 300 ambulatory care and urgent care centers, and the MedStar Health Research Institute are recognized regionally and nationally for excellence in medical care. As the medical education and clinical partner of Georgetown University, MedStar trains more than 1,100 medical residents annually. MedStar Health’s patient-first philosophy combines care, compassion and clinical excellence with an emphasis on customer service.

As an integrated health system, we have implemented various clinical, educational, and research initiatives to counter the epidemic, including establishment of the MedStar Health Opioid Research Collaborative, working to implement a multidisciplinary research strategy for addressing the opioid crisis locally and nationally. We look forward to supporting the National Academy of Medicine on this national collaborative to strengthen the U.S. response to the burgeoning opioid epidemic.