Opioid medications are useful and appropriate after injuries and surgeries for brief time periods. When used long-term, they cause many side effects. For this reason, Comprehensive Pain Medicine does not include on-going opioid therapy.

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**Opioid Drug Side Effects**

- Cognitive Dysfunction
- Sleep Disorders
- Drowsiness
- Physical Dependence & Tolerance
- Dry Mouth & Tooth Decay
- Opioid Induced Hyperalgesia
- Accidental Overdose & Death
- Breathing & Heart Problems
- Constipation & Bowel Dysfunction
- Low Sex Hormones
- Risk of Fracture

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