The *Journal of Addictions Nursing* invites submissions of papers for a special topic issue on the Opioid Epidemic.

At-risk opioid use and opioid use disorders are distinguished by problems related to the use of opioids and recurrent tendencies to overuse or underuse them in unhealthy ways. These disorders range from mild to severe according to the DSM-5. Appreciating the significant health risks of the range of opioid use disorders and the extremely high rate of overdoses and overdose deaths, this special issue aims to publish papers addressing a wide range of topics on opioid use and opioid use disorders, with special consideration of screening for, intervening with, and treating at-risk opioid use and opioid use disorders in special populations, interdisciplinary approaches, and implications for nursing and health. Reports of original research, clinical case studies, and literature reviews are encouraged.

Potential topics for papers may include:

- Neurobiobehavioral influences on the development, progression, and process of recovering from an opioid use disorder, including the concept of addiction
- Health consequences of at-risk opioid use and opioid use disorders
- Opioid use disorders in specific populations (youth, older individuals, men, women, pregnancy, persons with a co-occurring disorder and/or an addiction, ethnic groups, etc.)
- Screening for opioid use
- Interventions for the treatment of opioid use disorders including medication assisted treatment
- Interventions for the prevention of opioid use disorders and overdose deaths, including international, national, and state initiatives for distribution of naloxone for emergency treatment
- Interventions for the prevention of relapses with opioid use disorders
- Community based approaches
- Opioid use among health professionals
- Perceptions of at-risk opioid use and opioid use disorders among health care professionals
- Impact of the CARA 2016 legislation granting waiver for nurse practitioners and physician assistants prescribing buprenorphine in office settings
- The evidence-based role of opiates in pain management and risk for OUDs

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