The Journal of Primary Prevention (JOPP) is preparing a Special Issue on the prevention of misuse/abuse and overdose from prescription and illicit opioids. We are interested in soliciting papers that provide new knowledge, innovation solutions, and keen insights. Topics or approaches might include:

- Research studies showing effect of national, state, or local prevention programs
- Epidemiologic profiles of opioid misuse and/or overdose among key groups (e.g., older adults, adolescents, American Indians/Alaska Natives)
- Programs demonstrating effective change in key levers of the opioid epidemic (e.g., prescribing behaviors, safe use of prescription opioids, availability of illicit opioids)
- Programs that target high-risk populations or promote safe and healthy behaviors
- Research describing efforts to enact population-level change to reduce opioid misuse or overdose
- Behavioral and social science perspectives on preventing opioid misuse or overdose, including new theoretical models
- Economic analyses of opioid misuse, use disorders, or overdose prevention programs
- Manuscripts that demonstrate a system-level perspective in addressing the opioid epidemic

JOPP encourages various types of papers: original research, literature reviews, practice-oriented reports from the field, and brief reports. Prospective authors should contact Karin Mack (kmack@cdc.gov) in order to indicate interest and/or ask questions about the issue. No federal funds are being used to sponsor this issue.

Submissions for the Special Issue open May 15, 2017 and close on October 15, 2017 (or when a sufficient number of submissions have been received). To submit your research to JOPP, go to http://www.editorialmanager.com/jopp. Please note that you are interested in submitting to the Special Issue in your cover letter. Submission of a manuscript to the Special Issue does not guarantee review or acceptance. All submissions will receive a preliminary screening by JOPP’s editorial staff and those found to be of significant interest and merit will continue through the usual double-blind review process. In the event that we do not receive a sufficient number of papers that are appropriate for a Special Issue, we will consider each manuscript received on its own merits for publication in a regularly scheduled JOPP issue.

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