

WHAT ARE PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS?

Doctors prescribe opioids to people who are in very serious pain from things like dental surgery, sports injuries, or cancer.

But these same medicines can also be dangerous if misused. Examples of opioid pills are **OxyContin®**, **Percocet®**, and **Vicodin®**. People sometimes call opioid medicines different names like **Happy Pills**, **Hillbilly Heroin**, **OC**, **Oxy**, **Percs**, or **Vikes**.



*If you are in need of assistance, you can contact the **Richmond Behavioral Health Authority** at **(804) 819-4100**.*



HOW DO YOU BECOME ADDICTED TO OPIOIDS?

Over time, **opioids can change the way the brain works**. If they are stopped all of a sudden, it can be unpleasant or painful. It is like having the flu but much worse. All of this makes it very hard to stop taking the drug. This is called **addiction**.

It's important to know that **anyone can become addicted to opioids**. Remember, **treatment is available, and people can get better**.