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# Current IHI Efforts Addressing the Opioid Epidemic

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# Session Objectives

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- Understand IHI's efforts to address the opioid crisis
- Describe IHI's new resource, "Advancing the Safety of Acute Pain Management"
- Discuss your work to address the opioid crisis and improve pain management



# Aim of IHI's work on opioids and pain management

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- 1) Changing the narrative and mindsets around physical pain management and opioids.
- 2) Giving health systems and communities practical tools and solutions so they can get results by addressing multiple drivers of the opioid crisis.



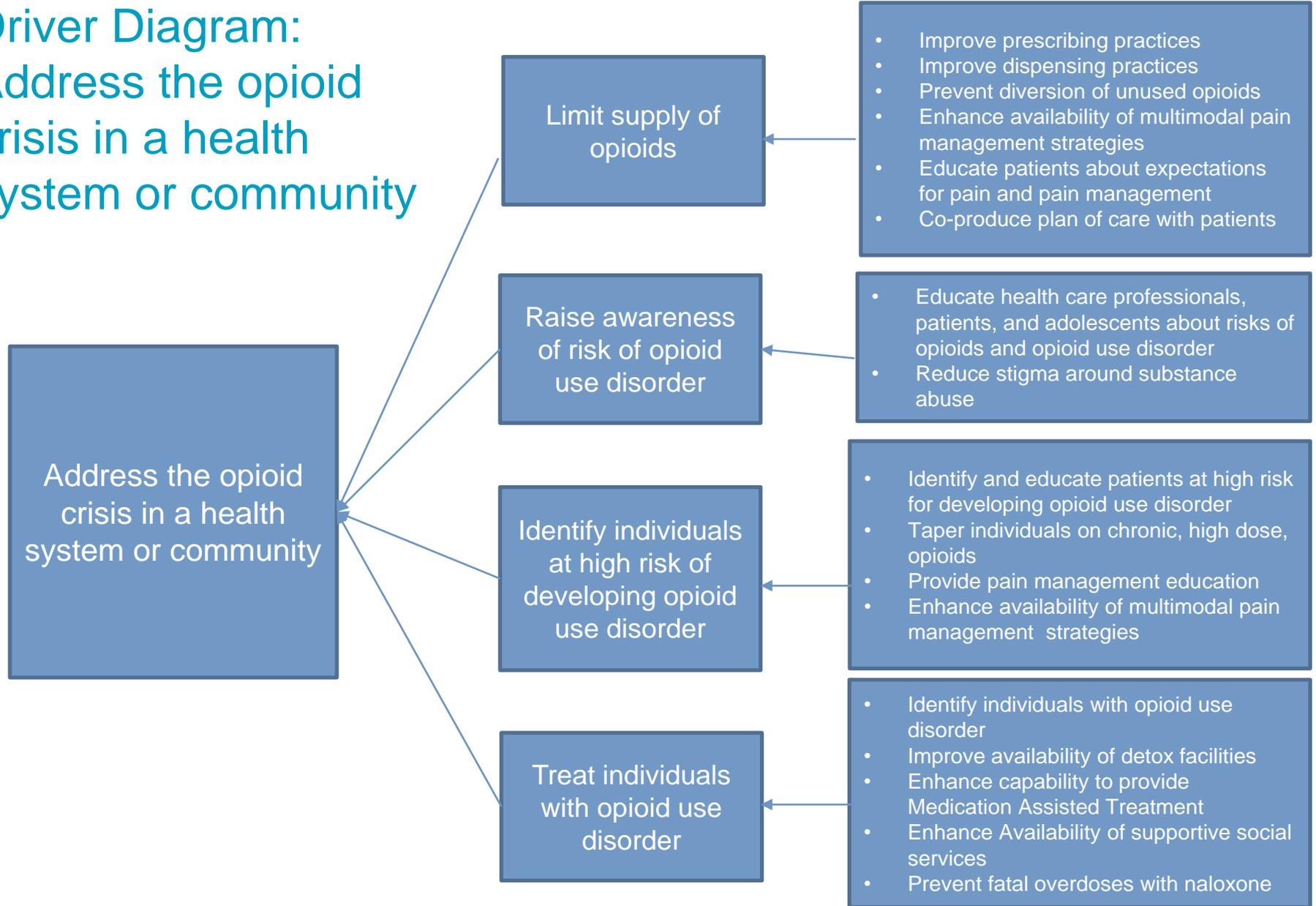
# We will do this by...

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- 1. Bringing resources and tools to health care organizations, professionals and communities.
- 2. Working with health care organizations to achieve system change.
- 3. Test and learn alongside communities.
- 4. Contribute to building a movement to engage health professionals in addressing the opioid crisis.
- 5. Changing mindsets around pain management.



# Driver Diagram: Address the opioid crisis in a health system or community



# Advancing the Safety of Acute Pain Management – January 2019

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- The purpose of this guide is to help health care safety leaders:
  - Empower their role in advancing safe acute pain management practices in their organizations
  - Elevate acute pain management as a key safety priority in their organizations
  - Effectively serve as a bridge for consistent best practice across their organizations
  - Design and implement pain management safety standards and programs
  - Identify and apply relevant innovations in organization-wide approaches to acute pain management
  - Measure and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions for managing acute pain
  - Sustain gains through continuous improvement activities



# Foundational Elements of an acute pain management process

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- A common vision of acute pain management as a patient safety priority
- Patient- and family-centered acute pain assessment, management, and monitoring
- Comprehensive education, training, and evaluation of effectiveness of training
- Effective systems of care



# Key Resource Components

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- Acute Pain Management: A Critical Patient Safety Issue
- Where We Are and Where We Strive To Be
- Action Steps for Health Care Safety Leaders
- Tools and Resources



# Upcoming Programming

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- Virtual Expedition: *Pain Management: Moving Beyond Opioids*
  - March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019
- IHI Open School Recover Hope Campaign
  - Improving Awareness, Prevention, and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders
- WIHI – May 2019: *Addressing the Safety of Pain Management*
- IHI Patient Safety Congress – full day immersion workshop
  - May 15 – 17, 2019 in Houston, Texas



# Questions?

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# Open Discussion

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- What work are you engaged in around opioids and pain management in your health care organization and/or community?
- What challenges have you faced?
- How have you engaged patients in your work on opioids and pain management?

