### Acupuncture: A Key Solution for Treating America's Painkiller Epidemic

THE U.S. PAIN EPIDEMIC



**4**x

Sales of Prescription Opioids Have Quadrupled Since 1999



17,000

Prescription Opioid Deaths Annually



80,000

NSAID and Acetaminophen Related ER Visits Annually



\$635 Billion

Annual Economic Cost of Chronic Pain\* \*Additional Health Care Costs and Lost Productivity

According to the Joint Commission on January 1, 2015, both pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic strategies such as acupuncture therapy have a role in the management of pain.

# TRY ACUPUNCTURE before PILLS

#### REDUCE COSTS

#### IMPROVE OUTCOMES

### INCREASE SATISFACTION

**REDUCE COSTS** 

- Lower Cost to Insurance Companies
- Reduced Average
  Out-of-Pocket Expenses
- Patients Avoid Expensive / Risky Procedures
- 4 Fewer Inpatient Expenses

IMPROVE OUTCOMES & SATISFACTION



#### **Non-Addictive**

Acupuncture is a useful adjunctive therapy in the treatment of opiate and other addictions, but itself is non-addictive.



# Happier Patients

Acupuncture is patient-centered, safe, effective, and well received in the clinic.



#### **Low Cost**

Insurance policies that cover acupuncture only cost an extra \$0.37-0.76 per person each month.



#### Evidence Based

Research shows patients who receive acupuncture have more relief from pain than those who did not receive acupuncture.

Acupuncture is Safe, Proven, Effective & Non-Addictive.







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