INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Opioids (also called narcotics) are a class of drugs that relieve pain and include:
- prescription pain relievers, such as oxycodone and morphine
- fentanyl, a prescription pain reliever increasingly made and distributed illegally
- heroin, an illegal opioid

US INFORMATION

In the US in 2016
- More than 11 million people abused prescription opioids
- 116 people died every day from opioid-related drug overdose (133 deaths per 100,000)

- What is the U.S. Opioid Epidemic? US Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Opioid Basics. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/opioids/index.html
- Opioid Abuse and Addiction. US National Library of Medicine
  https://medlineplus.gov/opioidabuseandaddiction.html

In Georgia from 2015-2016
- 918 people died from opioid-related overdose (8.8 deaths per 100,000)
- Georgia providers wrote 771 opioid prescriptions per 100 persons

- Georgia Opioid Summary. National Institute on Drug Abuse
- Georgia Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Initiative
  http://stoprxabuseinga.org
- Prescription Opioids and Heroin Epidemic in Georgia. Substance Abuse Research Alliance
- Stop Opioid Abuse (Fulton County)
  http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/soa-home

Discussion @ Emory

- Drug Safety Task Force
  http://iprce.emory.edu/task-forces/drug-safety.html
- Town Hall Discussion on America’s Opioid Crisis
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alpfXhcOlcw

Further Resources for Information