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Opiate Epidemic Orange County: The Real OC

Orange County: vacation destination, land of the financially elite, and hub to one of America's most dangerous epidemics. The Opiate Epidemic Orange County and its accompanying addictions and devastation run rampant across its glittering beaches and rolling hills.

According to the Orange County Register, as of April 2017, drug and alcohol deaths have soared 82%, with accidental opiate overdoses the primary cause - with nearly half of all accidental overdoses linked to prescription opiates such as OxyContin and Hydrocodone.

In a county of 3 million, drug overdoses have killed 1,769 Orange County residents in the past five years, with two-thirds of them victim to the opiate epidemic Orange County.

At this rate, addiction is killing one person every other day in Orange County, its highest concentration of victims in middle-aged women. This correlates

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with research from the **American Society of Addiction Medicine**, where they found that women more rapidly develop a prescription painkiller addiction than men.

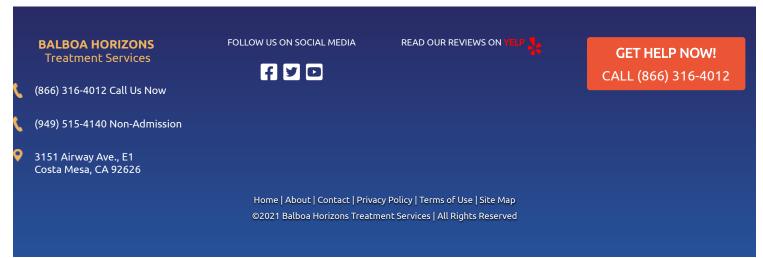
But men aren't exempt either, and opiate prescriptions aren't the only culprit. Nearly half of men who died from opiates in Orange County had heroin in their veins. This suggests a familiar story, one that begins in prescriptions and ends in heroin.

Not even wealth can protect from one of the nation's most lethal epidemics. South County cities like Laguna Woods had the highest overdose death rate at 50.8 per 100,000, followed by Dana Point (40.1), Seal Beach (33.8), Laguna Beach (31.4), and San Juan Capistrano (Orange County Register).

While deaths are devastating, that's only a snapshot of the devastation of Orange County's addiction. Over the past year, *one* support group states their naloxone service, also known as Narcan (an emergency medication used to treat narcotic overdoses), has saved 548 lives.

Opiates have their grip on Orange County, but we do have the tools and resources to loosen that grip, and drastically decrease those numbers. Located in the heart of Orange County, Balboa Horizons specializes in **drug treatment orange county**. Seasoned in the art of treating addiction of all kinds, Balboa is just another feature beautiful Orange County has to offer.

IF YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE IS CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION OR MENTAL ILLNESS – **BALBOA HORIZONS** CAN HELP INSPIRE CHANGE AND TRANSFORM THEIR LIFE TOWARD THE PATH OF RECOVERY.



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