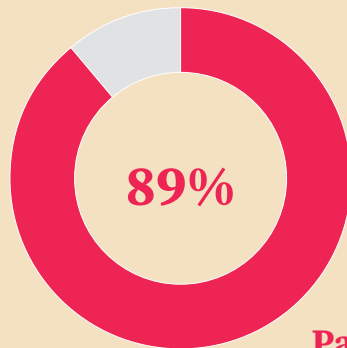


A Resident-Driven Quality Initiative for Reducing Opioid Prescribing in Patients Undergoing Elective General Surgery Procedures, With Long-Term Follow-Up



Over the study period, **6,831** of the **12,061** opioid tablets prescribed were **unused**.

Patients who took **7 or more doses of oral opioids** in the last 24 hours before discharge had significantly fewer (30%) pills remaining compared to patients who took 0–6 doses (68% remaining).



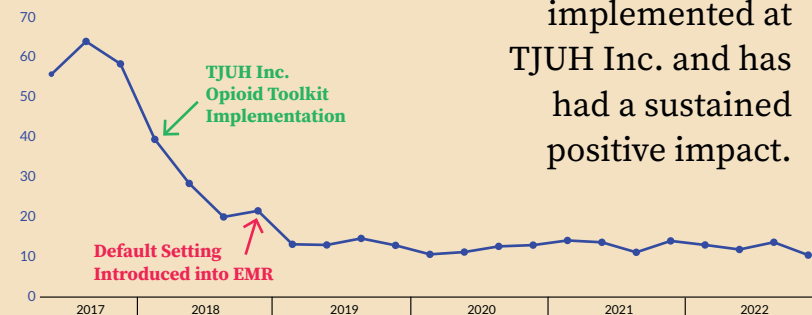
Patients who left with an opioid prescription despite taking 0 tablets 24 hours prior to discharge

This created a diversion pool of 2,419 pills remaining out of 3,353 prescribed (72%).



Using data like these, surgical departments can develop **opioid reduction toolkits** aimed at reducing the potential diversion pool of opioids in our communities.

Average Dispense Quantity per Rx Trend
Whipple Procedure



One such was implemented at TJUH Inc. and has had a sustained positive impact.