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[Long-acting opioid treatment could be available this month](#)

Martha Bebinger, WBUR (NPR All Things Considered)

Labels for the first long-acting opioid addiction treatment device are rolling off printing machines. Trainings began May 28 for doctors who want to learn to insert four matchstick-size rods under the skin. They contain the drug buprenorphine, which

staves off opioid cravings. The implant, called Probuphine, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration on May 27, and is expected to be available to patients by the end of June.

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[Opioid prescriptions drop for first time in two decades](#)

Abby Goodnough and Sabrina Tavernise, The New York Times

After years of relentless growth, the number of opioid prescriptions in the United States is finally falling, the first sustained drop since OxyContin hit the market in 1996. For much of the past two decades, doctors were writing so many prescriptions for the powerful opioid painkillers that, in recent years, there have been enough for every American adult to have a bottle. But for each of the past three years - 2013, 2014 and 2015 - prescriptions have declined, a review of several sources of data shows. Experts say the drop is an important early signal that the long-running prescription opioid epidemic may be peaking, that doctors have begun heeding a drumbeat of warnings about the highly addictive nature of the drugs, and that federal and state efforts to curb them are having an effect.

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[Senator calls for investigation of Purdue Pharma following story on OxyContin](#)

Harriet Ryan, Los Angeles Times

A U.S. senator has called for federal investigations of OxyContin's manufacturer in response to a Los Angeles Times report that found the bestselling painkiller wears off early in many patients, exposing them to increased risk of addiction. Sen. Edward J. Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat whose state has been hit hard by prescription drug abuse, urged the Justice Department, the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission to launch probes of drugmaker Purdue Pharma. OxyContin's main selling point is that it lasts 12 hours. The Times investigation published in May found that when the effects don't last, patients can suffer symptoms of narcotic withdrawal, including intense craving for the drug, and experience a cycle of agony and relief that experts say promotes addiction.

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[18 'words' reveal drug giant's pain pill shipments to West Virginia](#)

Eric Eyre, Charleston Gazette

The nation's third-largest prescription drug wholesaler fought to keep secret 18

"words" in a lawsuit filed against the firm in West Virginia. Turns out that those "words" actually were numbers: The number of pain pills shipped by the company statewide over five years, and the number of pills sold to specific Southern West Virginia pharmacies that filled prescriptions for doctors, some of whom were later indicted on federal charges for running rogue pain clinics.

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