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The Crisis in Our Neighborhood

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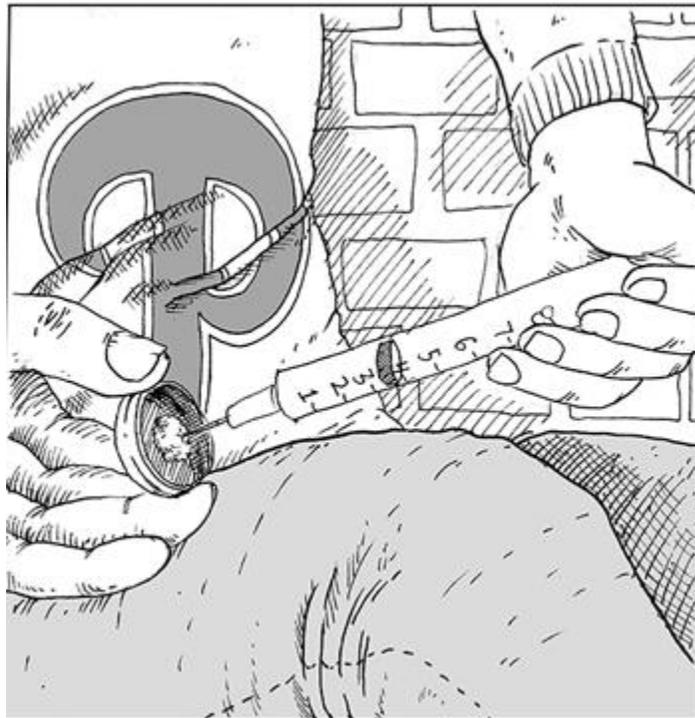


Figure 1. Detail from “The Crisis in Our Neighborhood,” by Jason Bitterman

Media

Ink and paper.

Caption

This comic represents various clinical and ethical dimensions of the skyrocketing incidence of opioid overdose. The comic also seeks to represent the humanity of patients struggling with addiction and to highlight the importance of clinicians’ roles in helping mitigate the harms of opioid dependence.

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