

<p>CG: Dr. Michelle Humeidan The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center–Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute</p> <p>Shot of Dr. Humeidan prepping patient in exam room</p> <p>Shot of Dr. Humeidan administering medication to patient in exam room</p> <p>CG: Dr. Michelle Humeidan (CG'd earlier)</p> <p>Shot of nurse explaining pain management chart with patient pre-surgery</p> <p>CG: Britt Collier-Gibson (CG'd earlier)</p> <p>Shots of Britt walking her dog</p> <p>(PACKAGE END) -----</p> <p>ANCHOR TAG</p>	<p>DECADES. DESPITE THEIR BENEFITS AS PAIN RELIEVERS, THEY CAN SLOW A PATIENT’S RECOVERY. :08</p> <p><i>“They can cause nausea. They can cause the patients to not breathe as well. They can cause the GI tract to not wake up as fast after surgery.” :10</i></p> <p>SO DOCTORS AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER —JAMES CANCER HOSPITAL AND SOLOVE RESEARCH INSTITUTE IMPLEMENTED AN OPIOID-SPARING TREATMENT APPROACH FOR CANCER PATIENTS UNDERGOING SURGERY THAT EMPLOYS OPTIONS LIKE ACETAMINOPHEN, IBUPROFEN AND REGIONAL NERVE BLOCKS FOR PAIN-MANAGEMENT, USING OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS ONLY AS A BACK-UP IF NEEDED. :19</p> <p><i>“The nature of giving opiates to patients, even if we have a very good reason, can ultimately lead to bigger problems with diversion, addiction, misuse, and abuse. :10</i></p> <p>SINCE THE OPIOID-SPARING APPROACH STARTED IN 2016, EXPERTS DOCUMENTED A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION IN AVERAGE POST-SURGICAL HOSPITAL STAY² AND A FIFTY PERCENT REDUCTION IN OPIOID-BASED PAIN MEDICATIONS, BOTH IN THE HOSPITAL AND AT HOME AFTER SURGERY. BUILDING ON THIS SUCCESS, OHIO STATE IS EXPANDING ITS OPIOID-SPARING INITIATIVE TO MORE THAN TEN OTHER PROGRAMS, CHANGING THE STANDARD OF PRE TO POST SURGICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT. :23</p> <p><i>“Throughout the time I felt listened to and I felt like there was an acceptance of different ways to conquer the problem.” :08</i></p> <p>AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER—JAMES CANCER HOSPITAL AND SOLOVE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, THIS IS BARB CONSIGLIO REPORTING. :06</p> <hr/> <p>EXPERTS HOPE THE SUCCESS OF THE OPIOID-SPARING RECOVERY PROGRAM AT OHIO STATE WILL PROMPT MORE HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS TO EXPLORE SIMILAR PAIN MANAGEMENT AND SURGICAL RECOVERY PROTOCOLS, MAKING A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE</p>
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<p>CG: Britt Collier-Gibson Cancer survivor</p>	<p>Britt says she challenged the standard that opioids are needed after surgery: <i>"This has become a standard in our society, that you get pain medication. After this procedure and that procedure, you get that amount. And so in a way I was almost challenging it, well, maybe I don't need that amount."</i> :12</p> <p>Britt says reducing opioid use is important to combat the opioid epidemic: <i>"I think it's great that some places are trying to cut back on opioids and I mean, the data's out there, right, the stories are out there. I think probably all of us know someone who's been affected by that and it's terrifying."</i> :16</p>
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