

Table 3: Subgroup of opioid prescribed by year and length of time in episode (%)

Year <sup>a</sup>	<u>Initial Prescription</u>				<u>Prescriptions within first 90 days</u>			
	Short-acting non-controlled	Long-acting non-controlled	Short-acting controlled	Long-acting controlled	Short-acting non-controlledled	Long-acting non-controlledled	Short-acting controlled	Long-acting controlled
2002	96.9	2.1	0.4	0.7	90.7	6.0	1.1	2.3
2003	97.1	1.9	0.3	0.6	90.4	5.7	1.2	2.7
2004	96.8	2.0	0.4	0.8	89.5	6.4	1.1	3.0
2005	96.0	2.4	0.6	1.0	87.8	6.7	1.4	4.0
2006	95.7	2.0	0.5	1.9	87.0	5.3	1.7	6.0
2007	95.2	1.9	0.6	2.4	84.9	5.4	1.6	8.1
2008	94.7	1.8	0.6	2.9	84.6	5.2	1.5	8.6
2009	95.1	1.5	0.4	3.0	85.1	4.6	1.2	9.1
2010	95.1	1.5	0.5	3.0	84.7	4.3	1.2	9.8
2011	95.3	1.4	0.5	2.8	86.2	3.7	1.4	8.7
2012	95.5	1.2	0.5	2.8	87.1	3.1	1.1	8.7
2013	95.7	1.0	0.5	2.8	86.1	2.9	1.1	9.9

Year <sup>b</sup>	<u>Between 1-2 years after start of long-term opioids</u>				<u>After 2-years on long-term opioid</u>			
	Short-acting non-controlled	Long-acting non-controlled	Short-acting controlled	Long-acting controlled	Short-acting non-controlled	Long-acting non-controlled	Short-acting controlled	Long-acting controlled
2002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	88.5	6.4	1.1	4.0	-	-	-	-
2004	87.7	6.0	1.3	4.9	88.3	5.9	2.3	3.5
2005	85.5	6.5	1.3	6.7	82.6	8.4	1.7	7.3
2006	82.6	8.1	1.5	7.8	77.2	9.5	1.4	11.9
2007	82.7	6.3	1.4	9.6	74.8	8.2	2.3	14.8
2008	79.2	5.8	1.7	13.3	72.4	7.3	2.5	17.8
2009	77.0	6.3	1.7	15.0	68.8	8.5	1.8	20.9
2010	77.8	5.6	1.5	15.2	68.4	7.7	1.7	22.2
2011	78.9	4.6	1.2	15.3	68.1	6.9	1.8	23.1
2012	78.2	5.3	1.4	15.1	68.0	6.3	1.8	23.9
2013	78.9	5.3	1.1	14.7	69.6	6.2	1.6	22.6

<sup>a</sup> year started long-term opioid; <sup>b</sup> Calendar year

If a patient was prescribed more than one type of opioid we used the highest ranking opioid based on the following order (highest to lowest): controlled long-acting opioid, controlled short-acting opioid, non-controlled long-acting opioid, non-controlled short-acting opioid