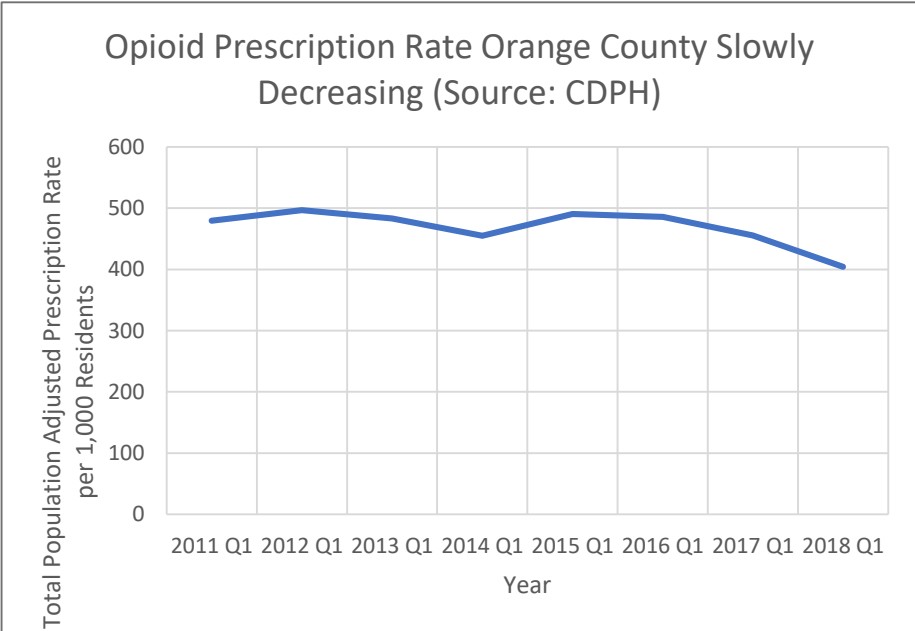




# Fighting the Opioid Epidemic in OC

My name is Cassandra. I currently work at the University of California, Irvine's Department of Medicine, with SafeRxOC, and I am involved in several projects that surround the opioid epidemic in Orange County. My motivation to involve myself in opioid research stems from my own personal experience witnessing my father struggle with opioid use disorder. His struggle began at an early age, but fortunately he is now in recovery.

Due to my experience with my father, I want to help reduce the stigma surrounding opioid use disorder because that is a large hurdle in our efforts to help fight the opioid epidemic. I believe that data is a crucial component of our efforts to alleviate this epidemic as it allows us to monitor the effectiveness of our work and see if we need to make any adjustments to our approach. I hope that we can make further progress and end this epidemic in California and beyond.



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