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**INTEGRATING RESPONSES  
at the INTERSECTION of  
OPIOID USE DISORDER and  
INFECTIOUS DISEASE  
EPIDEMICS**

**Proceedings of a Workshop**

**What are the infectious disease consequences of the national opioids crisis?**

On March 12, 2018, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a workshop to explore the scope of the problem and examine possible strategies for reducing the infectious disease comorbidities of injection drug use.

This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from that workshop.

**Speakers discussed:**

- The intersection between the opioid epidemic and infectious disease outbreaks, including viral hepatitis, HIV, and endocarditis, in regions such as West Virginia; Arkansas; San Francisco, California; and Louisville, Kentucky.
- The potential impacts of approaches that emphasize empathy, respectful treatment, and patient-centeredness.
- Strategies that could be implemented using existing resources, as well as those that would require additional funding.
- Ways to work efficiently through the existing public health, medical, and criminal justice systems to prevent and treat infections in people who inject drugs.

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