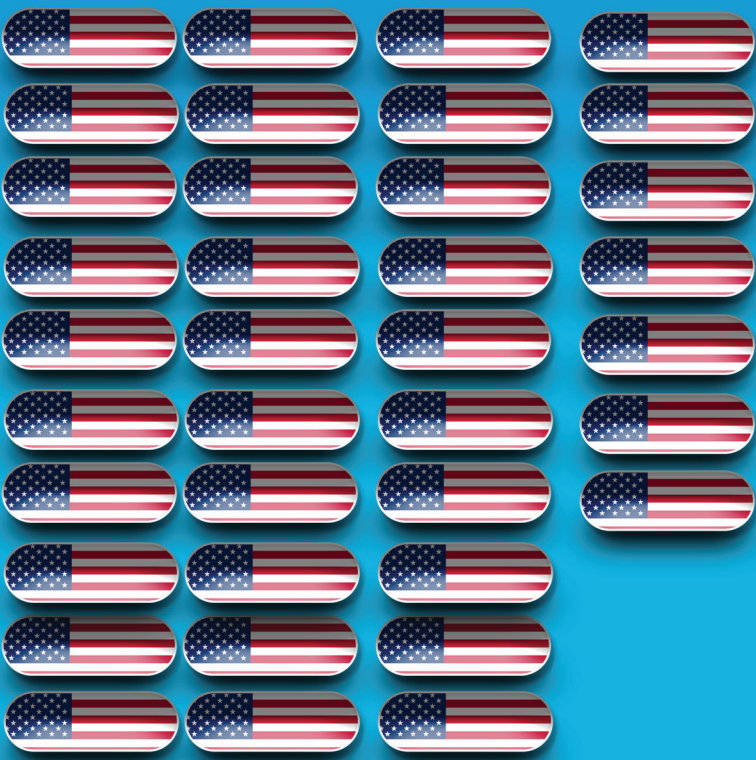




Dentists' prescribing of opioids: US vs. England



“In this . . . study of opioid prescribing by dentists in 2016, the proportion of dental prescriptions that were opioids was **37 times greater in the United States** than in England. . . . In light of similar oral health and dentist use between the 2 countries, **it is likely that opioid prescribing by US dentists is excessive** and could be reduced.”

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