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# Prescription Drug Abuse

## Addiction médicamenteuse

### 1. Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis

☆☆☆	Evidence for effectiveness and a specific effect of acupuncture
☆☆	Evidence for effectiveness of acupuncture
☆	Limited evidence for effectiveness of acupuncture
∅	No evidence or insufficient evidence

### 2. Clinical Practice Guidelines

⊕ positive recommendation (regardless of the level of evidence reported)  
 ∅ negative recommendation (or lack of evidence)

#### 2.1. National Institute For Health And Care Excellence (NICE, UK) 2022 ∅

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. Medicines associated with dependence or withdrawal symptoms: safe prescribing and withdrawal management for adults. 2022. [URL](#)

Although acupuncture is commonly used in addiction services to manage dependence on illicit opioids, and there is some evidence supporting its use to aid withdrawal from opioids, evidence on its overall effectiveness is lacking. The committee made a recommendation for research on acupuncture to support withdrawal from opioids.

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