FACTS about OPIOIDS
Prescription opioids are used short term for severe injuries (such as recovery from surgery)

OxyContin, Percocet, and Vicodin are common name brand *prescribed* opioids. Morphine & heroin are also classified as opioids

Effects of opioids include pain relief, drowsiness, nausea, constipation, euphoria, slowed breathing, & even death

Regular use, *even if prescribed by a doctor*, can lead to dependence

Opioid overdose can be reversed with the drug naloxone (Narcan) when given right away BUT paramedics must be called immediately following as individuals can overdose again once effects of naloxone wear off

Combination of opioids & benzos can suppress breathing, increasing risk of overdose &/or death

Opioids + Alcohol creates a dangerous slowing of heart rate & breathing which can result in coma &/or death

*For any questions & concerns regarding substance use contact ASAP at asap@barnard.edu*