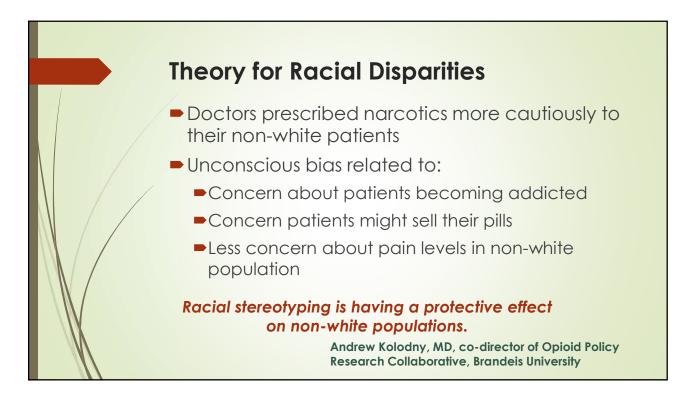


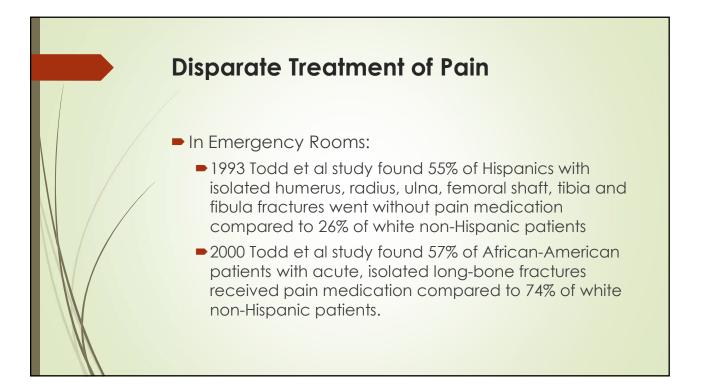
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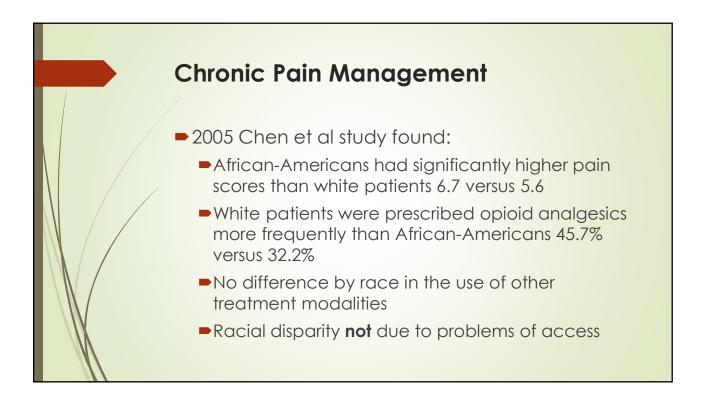
The Evidence

Comprehensive pain study from University of Michigan Medical School:

- Health care disparities, racial and ethnic disparities in pain perception, assessment and treatment were found in all settings
 - Emergency Department
 - Hospital (post-operative)
 - Outpatient
- and across all types of pain
 - Acute
 - Cancer
 - Chronic nonmalignant







Policy Disparities

- Opioids not the first drug epidemic
- 1980s and 1990s crack cocaine epidemic predominantly affected African-American communities
- Policy stance:
 - No government declaration of a public health crisis
 - War on drugs; we could potentially arrest our way out of the problem
- Today's policy stance:
 - Declaration by Trump administration of a public health crisis
 - We can't arrest our way out of the problem
 - Need for effective treatment and prevention