

Colbert Calls Out Big Pharma For New Plans To Profit On Opioid Addiction (Video)

Purdue Pharma, creators of Oxycontin, developed and patented a new drug earlier this year aimed to help those addicted to opioids to stop taking them. This new drug is a fast-acting form of buprenorphine. It's a mild opioid intended to ease withdrawal symptoms.

Previously, the drug was prescribed in tablet or as fast-dissolving strips. This new prescription is a "wafer" that dissolves in the mouth within a few seconds.

Many have blamed Purdue Pharma for the epidemic of opioid painkiller addictions and deaths. Many are expressing outrage that the Sacklers, the family that owns Purdue, has profited from opioid addictions, and now plans to profit from the antidote.

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