OBJECTIVES: Although opioids play a central role in the treatment, and palliation of many clinical conditions, there is a large and growing problem of abuse nation-ally and in South Carolina particularly. According to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, more than 5 million Americans abused prescription opioid painkillers in January 2011. Reports show an increase in cases of doctor shopping, prescriptions for forged prescriptions and dispensing, and other diversion activi-ties. We determine patterns of opioid prescribing in South Carolina through an epidemiologic analysis and geo-spatial mapping of South Carolina prescription data for 2010-2013. OBJECTIVES: To determine patterns of opioid prescribing based on whether ER therapy was initiated on the same molecule (ER oxycodone) or different molecules. Treatment patterns and pill count were assessed for both during a 6-month baseline period or possible opioid replacement therapy (metha-tion of ER oxycodone: a review of t...