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*Controlled Substance and
Legend Drug Diversion;
A Law Enforcement and Regulatory Perspective*

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Goals and Objectives

- Background of prescription drug and opioid use and abuse – scope of the problem and potential solutions
- Identify and discuss the pharmacology of commonly diverted and abused pharmaceuticals
- Identify methods of pharmaceutical diversion and discuss how the pharmacist can prevent diversion in the retail setting
- Discuss the pharmacist and corresponding responsibility
- Discuss disposal regulations



Questions to Discuss

- According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), in 2013 there were 6.5 million persons aged 12 and older who used prescription-type psychotherapeutic drugs non-medically in the last month. Which class of pharmaceutical had the highest level of non-medical use?
- A) Stimulants
 - B) Sedatives
 - C) Pain relievers
 - D) Tranquilizers



Questions to Discuss

- According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), in 2013, participants identified the most frequent method of obtaining a prescription-type psychotherapeutic drug that they most recently non-medically used as:
 - A) Internet
 - B) From a friend or relative for free
 - C) Purchased from a friend or relative
 - D) Purchased from stranger/drug dealer



Questions to Discuss

- In determining whether a prescription is valid, a pharmacist is only required to 1) call the prescribing practitioner to verify that he/she authorized the prescription and 2) check to see if he/she has a valid and current DEA registration prior to dispensing the controlled substance;
- A) True
- B) False



Questions to Discuss

True or False...

For a controlled substance prescription to be effective, it must be, “issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of professional practice.”

- A) True
- B) False



Questions to Discuss

- Which of the following statements is false concerning regulations promulgated under the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010:
- A) Regulations do not limit the ways ultimate users may dispose of pharmaceutical controlled substances – **they expand them.**
 - B) Any method of pharmaceutical disposal that was valid prior to these regulations continues to be valid.
 - C) Any DEA registrant may participate as an authorized collector of pharmaceutical controlled substances.
 - D) DEA may not require any person to establish or operate a disposal program.



Questions to Discuss

- What combination of drugs is referred to as the “trinity”?
 - A) Hydrocodone, alprazolam, and carisoprodol
 - B) Promethazine with codeine, methylphenidate and carisoprodol
 - C) Hydromorphone, carisoprodol and buprenorphine
 - D) Methadone, diazepam and tramadol



Responding to America's Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis

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Prescription Drug Abuse
is driven by

Indiscriminate Prescribing
Criminal Activity



What is the Societal Damage of Prescription Controlled Substance and Legend Drug Abuse?



Consequences

In 2011, approximately 41,340 unintentional drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States, one death every 12.45 minutes.
(increased for 12th consecutive year)¹

Of this number, 22,810 deaths were attributed to Prescription Drugs
(16,917 attributed to opioid overdoses/ (74.165%).

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States.

¹SOURCE: CDC National Center for Health Statistics/National Vital Statistics Report; June 2014
CDC Vital Signs: Opioid Painkiller Prescribing; July 2014



2012 Current Users (Past Month) 2013

ANY ILLICIT DRUG:
23.9 million

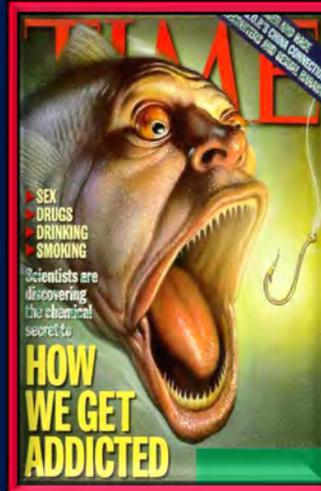
MARIJUANA: 18.9 million

PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC
DRUGS: 6.8 million

COCAINE: 1.6 million

Methamphetamine 440,000

Heroin: 335,000



ANY ILLICIT DRUG:
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COCAINE: 1.5 million

Methamphetamine 595,000

Heroin: 289,000



Prescription Drug Abuse

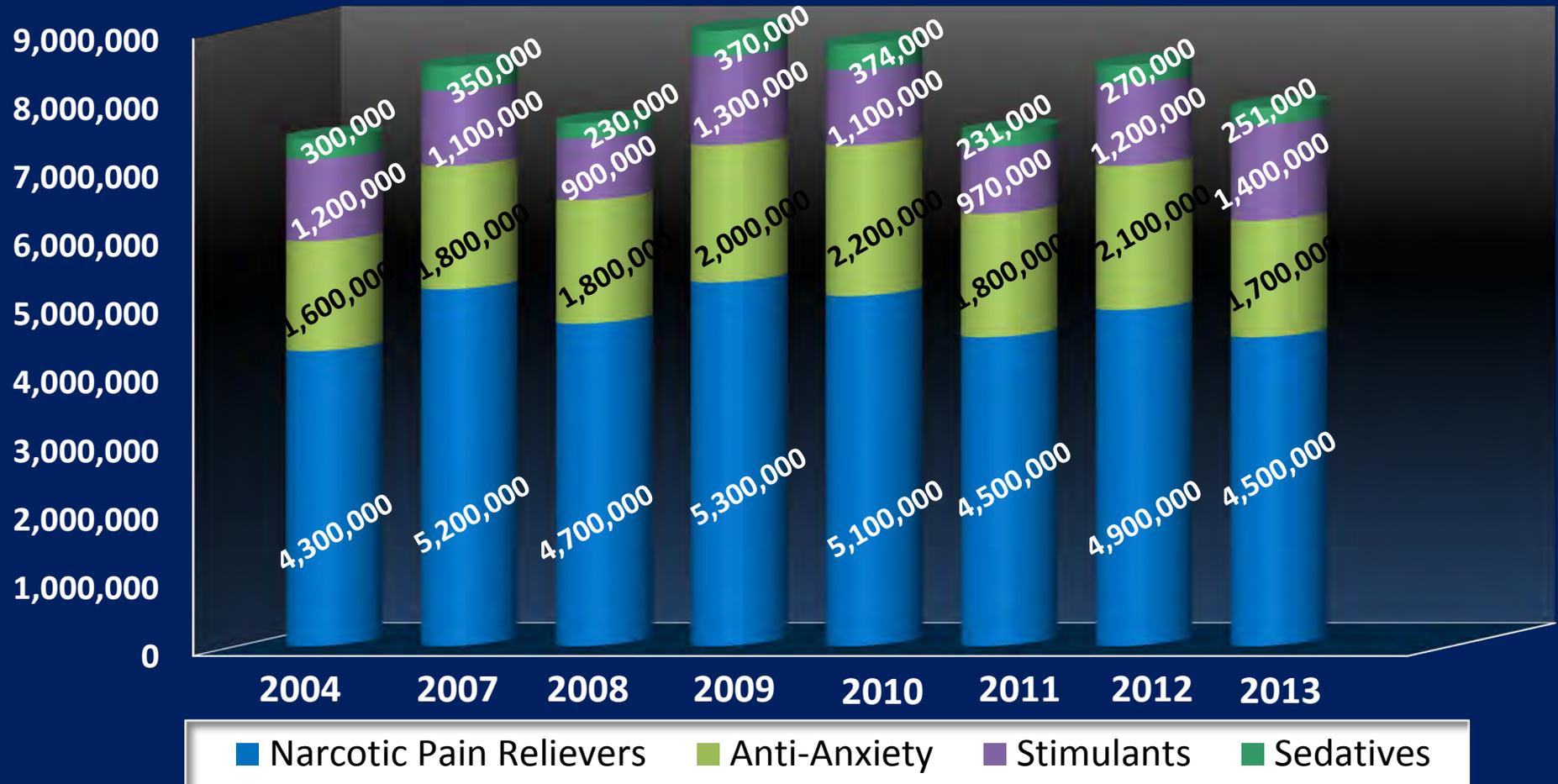
More Americans abuse prescription drugs than the number of:

Cocaine, Hallucinogen, Heroin, and Inhalant abusers

COMBINED!!!



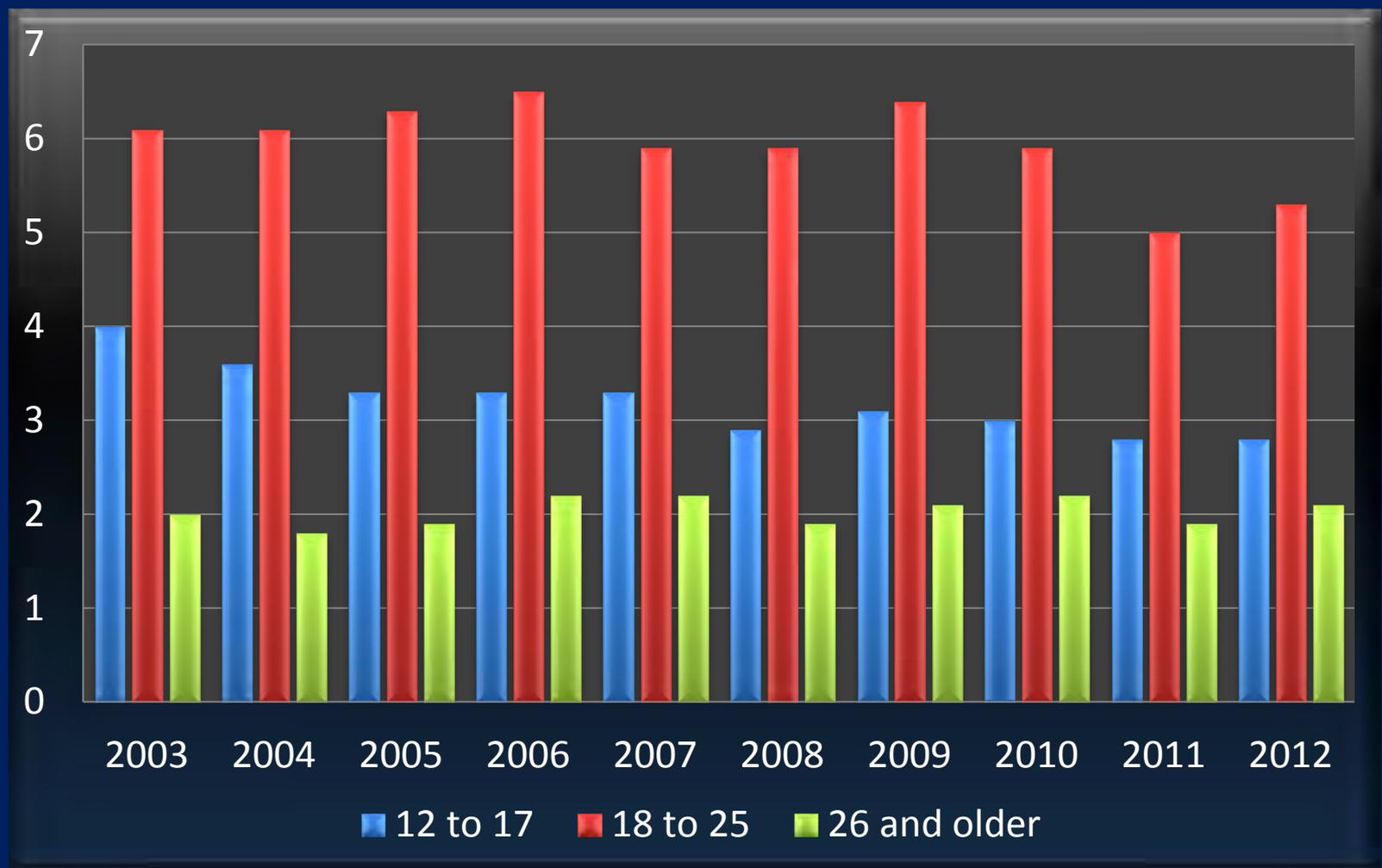
Scope and Extent of Problem: Past Month Illicit Drug Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older



Source: 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

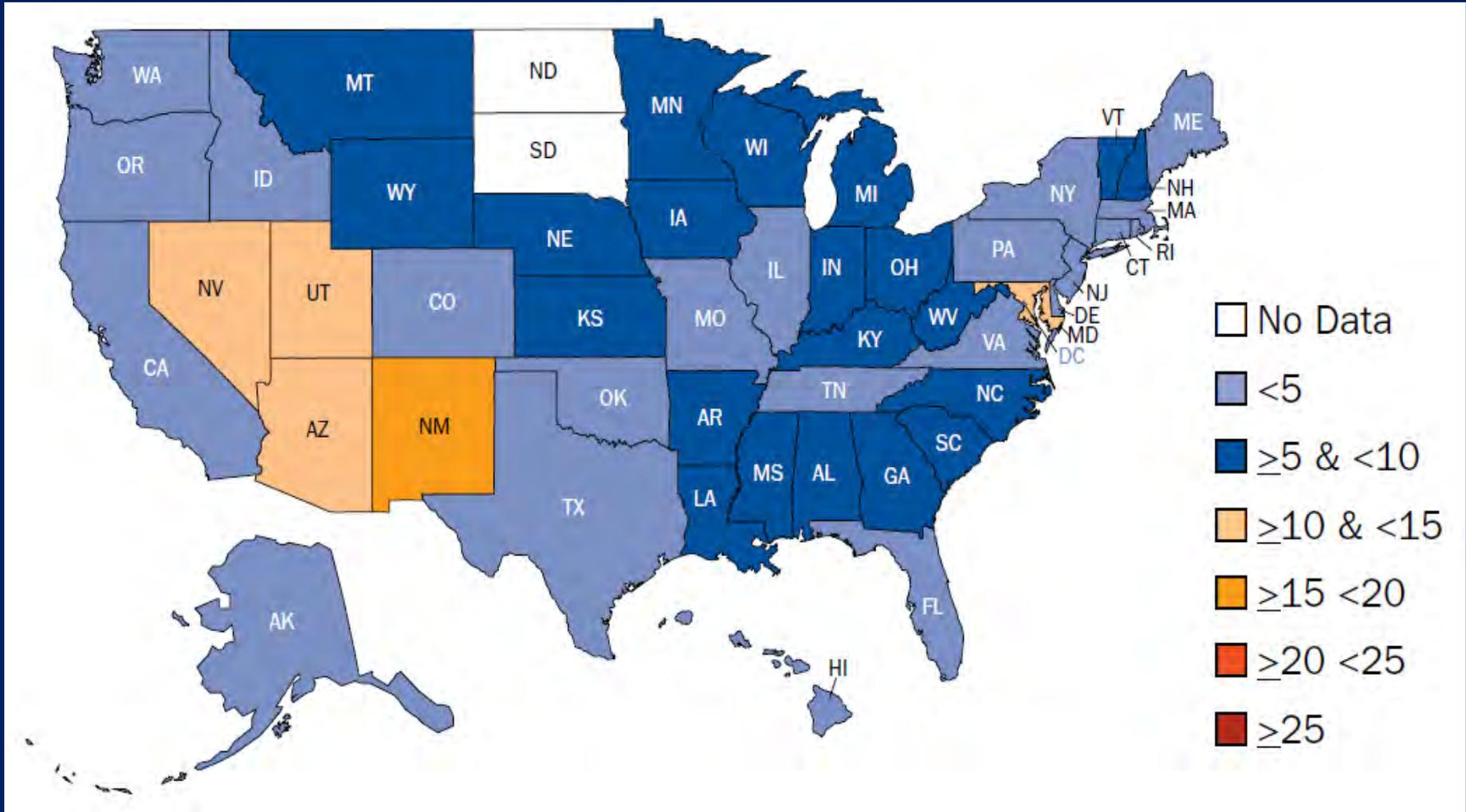


Percentage of Past Month Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics by Age, 2003-2012





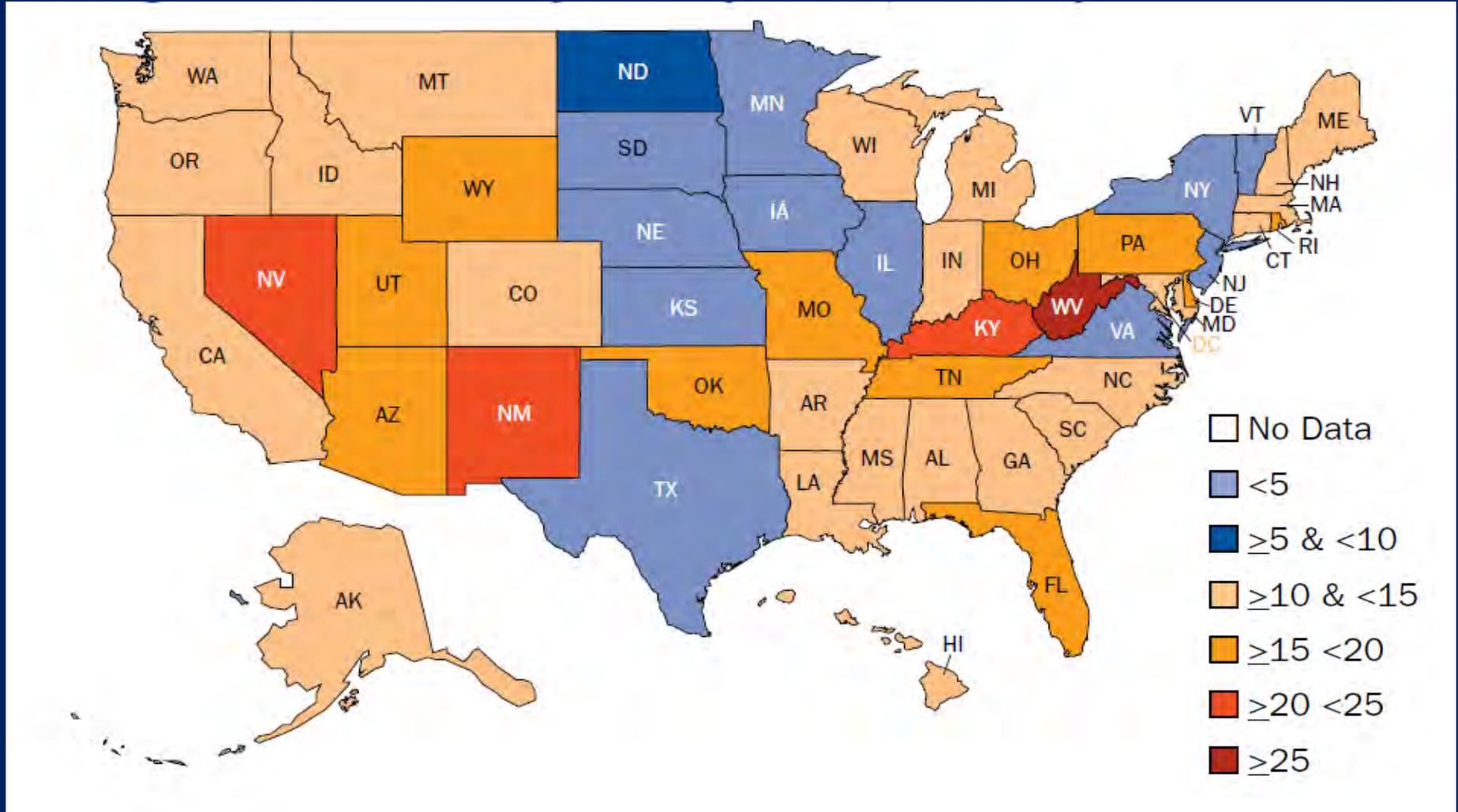
Drug Overdose Mortality Rates per 100,000 People 1999



Source: Trust for America's Health, www.healthyamericans.org. "Prescription Drug Abuse: Strategies to Stop the Epidemic (2013)"



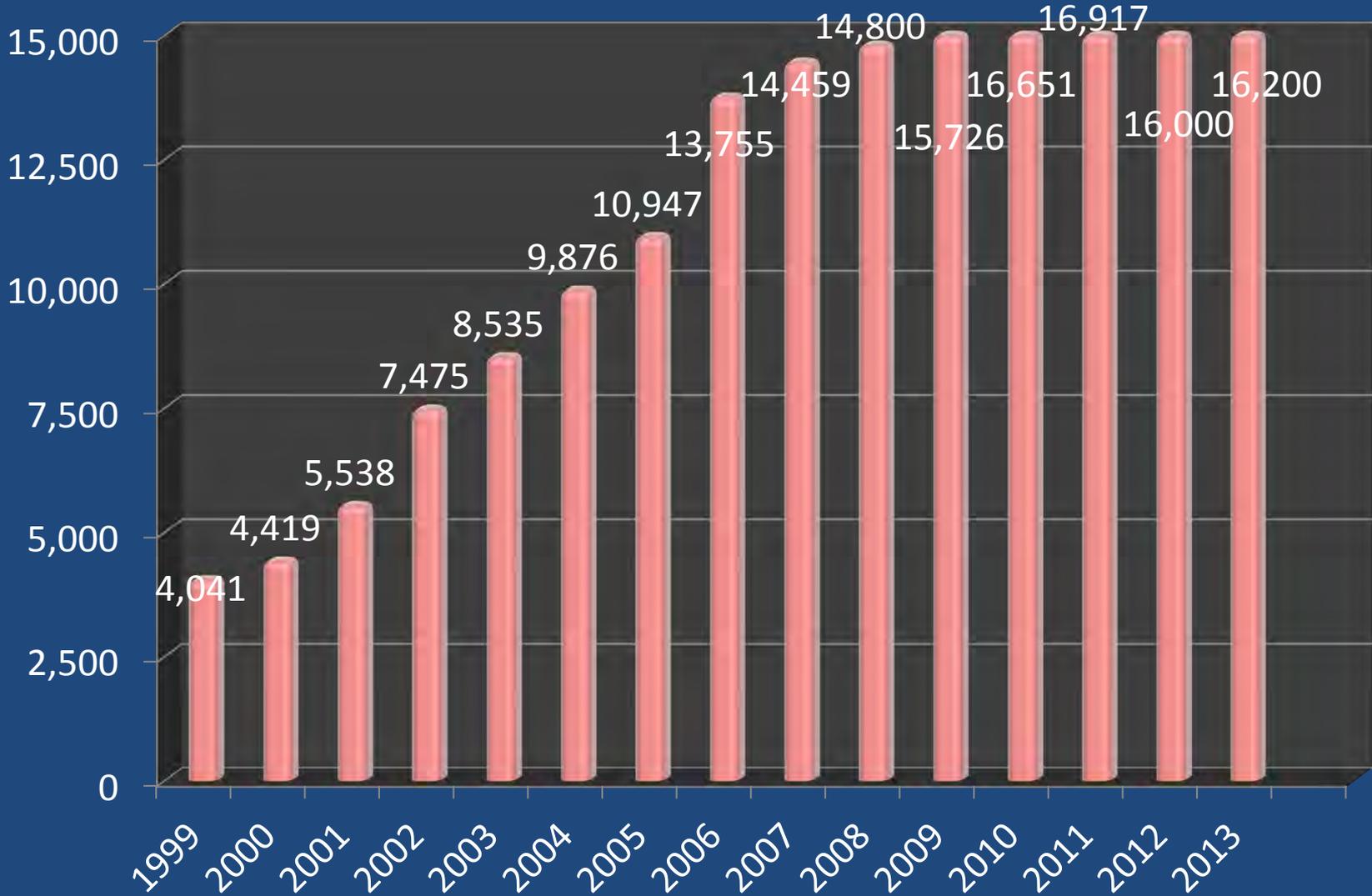
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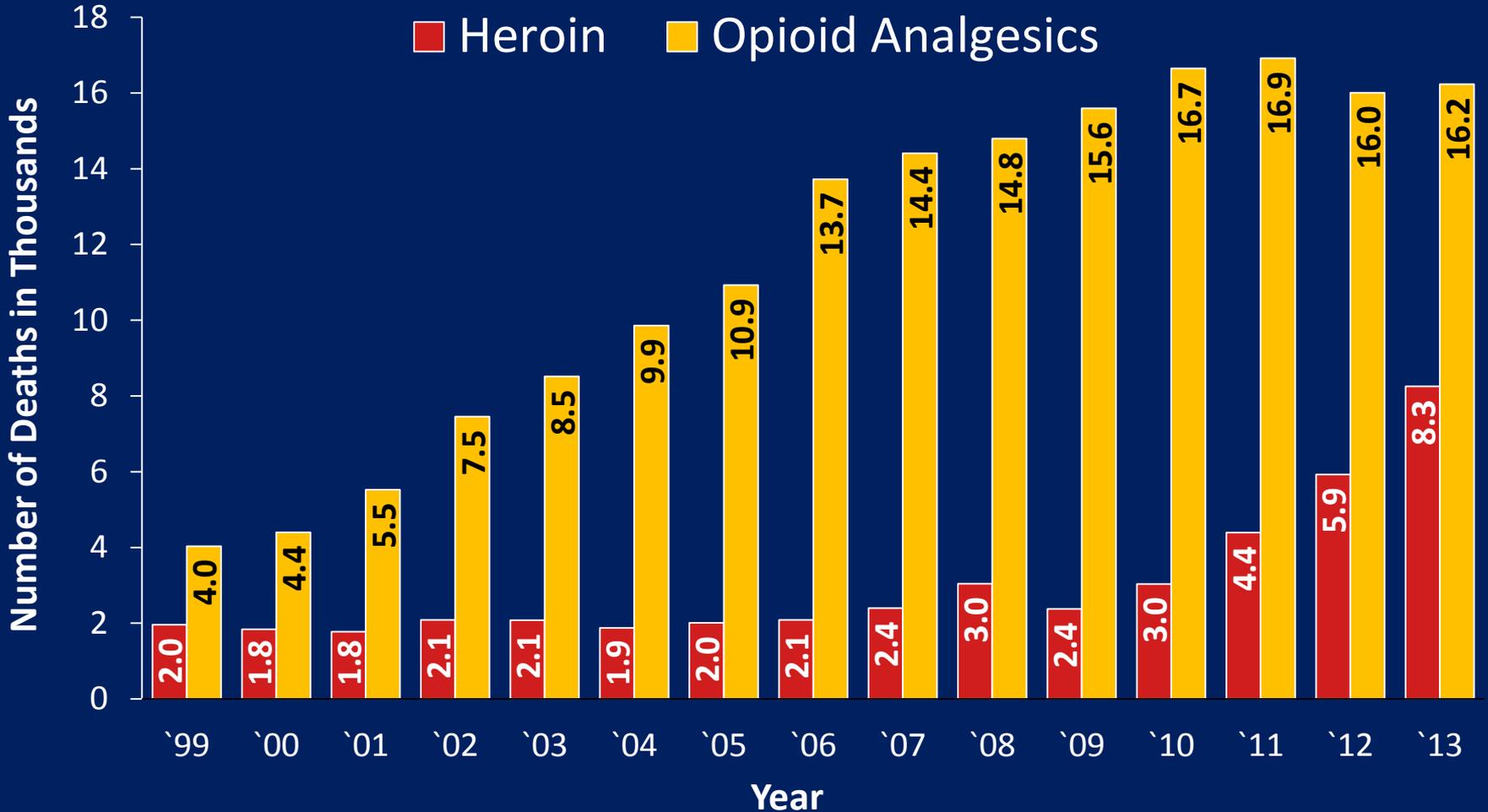
Poisoning Deaths: Opioid Analgesics

Poisoning Deaths





Drug-Poisoning Deaths Involving Opioid Analgesics or Heroin in the US, 1999-2013





Naloxone



Naloxone Hydrochloride - Narcan

NARCAN (naloxone) is indicated for the complete or partial reversal of opioid depression, including respiratory depression, induced by natural and synthetic opioids, including propoxyphene, methadone and certain mixed agonist-antagonist analgesics: nalbuphine, pentazocine, butorphanol, and cyclazocine. NARCAN (naloxone) is also indicated for diagnosis of suspected or known acute opioid overdose.





Naloxone Hydrochloride - Narcan

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Woodbridge police officer saves 2 overdose victims in 5 days using Narcan



An officer in Ocean County demonstrates a naloxone nasal atomizer. (Ocean County Prosecutor's Office)

By Anthony G. Attino | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
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WOODBIDGE – A township police officer who had just undergone training in the use of Narcan saved the lives of two overdose victims over five days, according to police. “The timing could not have been better,” said Woodbridge police Capt. Roy Hoppock.

Narcan, also known as nasal naloxone, is an opioid-reversal drug **recently approved for use by law enforcement** to help save heroin and opioid users from death by overdose.

The first incident in Woodbridge occurred about 8:45 p.m. on Jan. 21 when police received a 911 call about a 25-year-old woman who had overdosed on narcotics in a home in the Colonia section.

“One officer immediately administered Nasal Naloxone (Narcan) to the victim,” Hoppock said in a statement. “Almost immediately the victim showed signs of regaining consciousness.”

Hoppock identified the officer as Patrolman Christopher McClay. Hoppock said McClay had received training in the use of Narcan just two hours before the 911 call.

At 2:43 a.m. on Jan. 25, police received a 911 call about an unconscious person in a business parking lot in the Iselin section. “As officers arrived, they observed the victim, a male age unknown breathing, but unconscious,” Hoppock said.

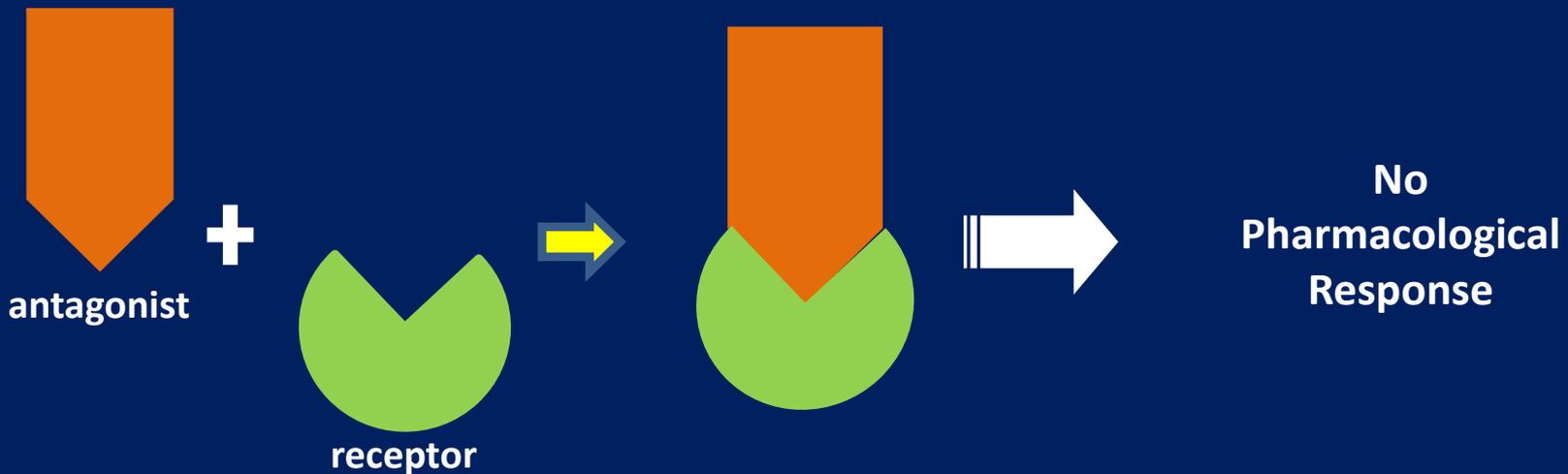
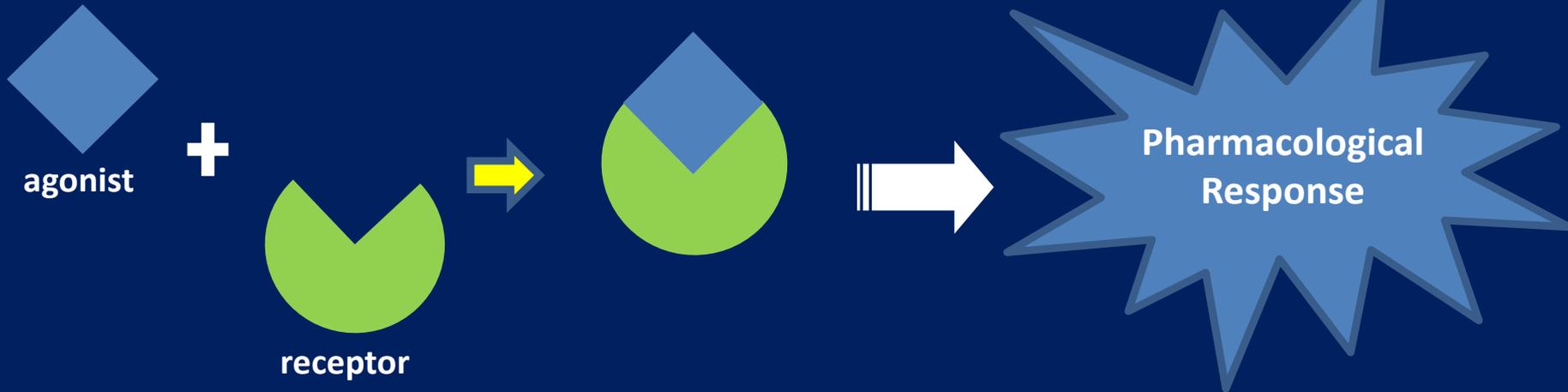
The same officer who participated in the Jan. 21 call, McClay, administered Narcan to the victim, Hoppock said. “The victim appeared to regain consciousness,” Hoppock said. “At that point EMS arrived and the victim was transported to JFK Hospital. Hoppock said the Woodbridge Police Department is now in the process of training all patrol officers in the use of Narcan.

The drug has been used by paramedics and emergency room doctors for years. Only recently has it been given to police officers, who are often the first on the scene of drug overdoses.

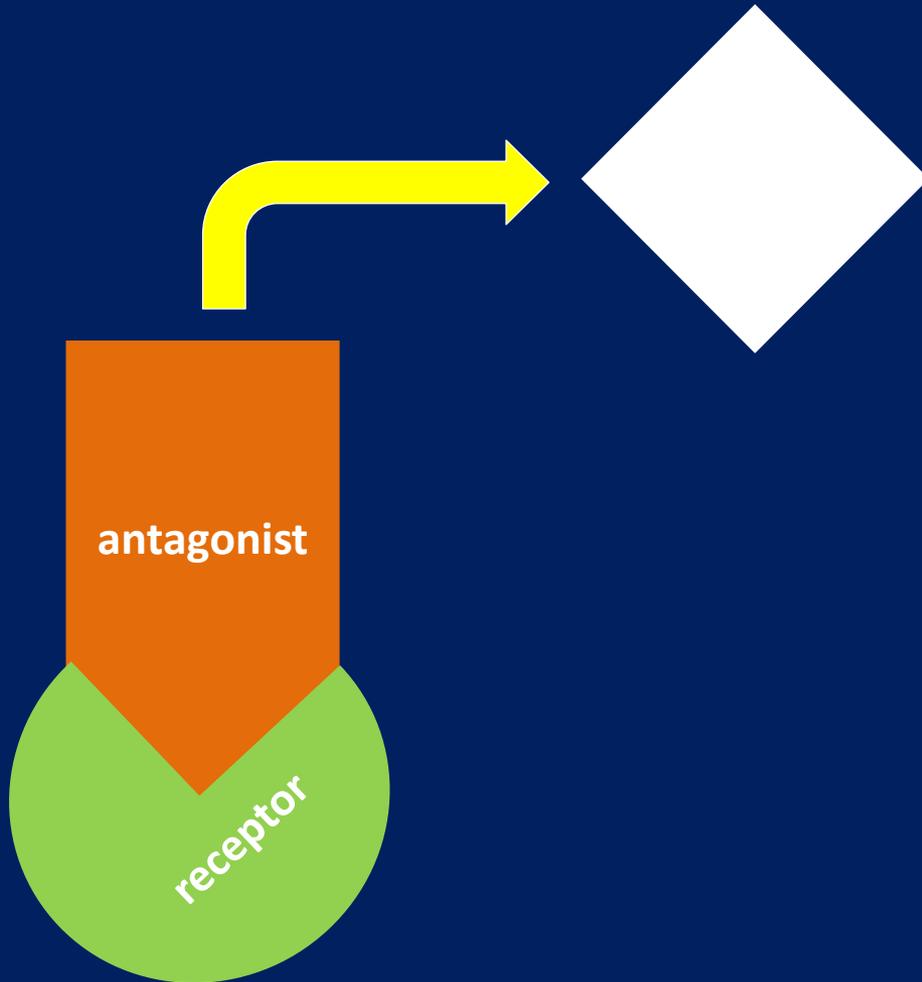
According to the state Attorney General’s Office, there were 741 heroin-related deaths in New Jersey in 2013, a 160 percent increase since 2010.



Agonist vs. Antagonist



Opioid Displacement



- Naloxone displaces the opioid from the receptor
- Dependent on mode of administration onset can be apparent within a few minutes



Statistical Perspective

The U.S. Population Grows at a Rate of
Less Than 1% Per Year!



Why are these statistics outpacing population growth?

We all want to feel good and prescription drug use/abuse is an accepted method of curing whatever ails you. There is a pill for everything and medication use is encouraged in society. Our children are following our lead.



Pharmaceutical Abuse

Wrestler Benoit's doctor gets 10 years in prison

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NEWNAN, Ga. (AP) — The personal doctor to a professional wrestler who killed himself, his wife and their 7-year-old son was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday for illegally distributing prescription drugs to patients.

Dr. Phil Astin, 54, had pleaded guilty Jan. 29 to a 175-count federal indictment.

Prosecutors said Astin prescribed painkillers and other drugs to known addicts for years. They said at least two of Astin's patients died because of his lax oversight of what medicines they were taking. However, the indictment was unclear about whether Chris Benoit, a wrestler for Stamford, Conn.-based World Wrestling Entertainment, was one of the two.

"I take full responsibility," Astin told the judge Tuesday. "I am sorry I hurt so many lives. I was thinking that I was looking after my patients."

U.S. District Judge Jack Camp said there was no doubt Astin tried to help hundreds of patients at his western Georgia clinic. But the judge said he could not overlook Astin's misconduct.

"The fact that two people did die outweighs other conditions

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U.S. District Judge Jack Camp said he could not overlook the misconduct

Rush Limbaugh Arrested On Drug Charges

Rush Limbaugh and prosecutors in the long-running prescription fraud case against him have reached a deal. A conservative commentator to be dropped without a guilty plea if he continues treatment, his attorney said Friday.

Limbaugh turned himself in to authorities on a warrant filed Friday charging him with fraud to conceal informant Barbara Barbera, a spokeswoman for the Palm Beach County Jail. He and his attorney Roy Black left about an hour and fingerprinted and he posted \$3,000 bail, Barbera said.

Prosecutors' three-year investigation of Limbaugh began after he publicly acknowledged being addicted to a rehabilitation program. They accused Limbaugh of "doctor shopping," or illegally deceiving multiple doctors by learning that he received about 2,000 painkillers, prescribed by four doctors in six months, at a pharmacy near his home.

Limbaugh, who pleaded not guilty Friday, has steadfastly denied doctor shopping. Black said the charge will comply with court guidelines.

Coheed and Cambria Bassist Arrested Before Gig

Originally posted Jul 10th 2011 5:18 PM PDT by TMZ Staff

Michael Todd, the bassist for the band **Coheed and Cambria**, was arrested for armed robbery after he allegedly held up a Walgreens by claiming he had a bomb ... and this all went down right before they played a show!

Rangers' Boogaard died of alcohol, oxycodone mix

Updated 5/20/2011 11:09 PM |

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The death of New York Rangers enforcer **Derek Boogaard** was an accident, due to a toxic mix of alcohol and the powerful painkiller oxycodone.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner announced Boogaard's cause of death Friday, saying it was unclear exactly when the 28-year-old died. Boogaard was found

his passion for the game, his teammates, and his community work was unstoppable."

Experts say mixing alcohol and medicines can cause dangerous reactions. Drinking alcohol while taking strong painkillers like oxycodone can result in breathing problems and increase the risk of an overdose, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The family thanked the Rangers, Minnesota Wild, the NHL and the NHLPA for "supporting Derek's continued efforts in his battle."

"Regardless of the cause, Derek's passing is a tragedy," NHL spokesman Frank Brown said in an email. The Rangers and Wild had no comment.

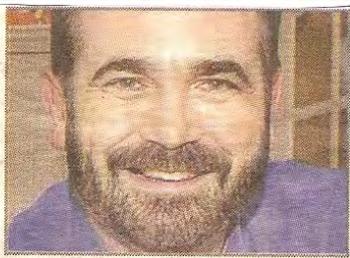
Jack Camp, Senior Federal Judge, Arrested On Drug, Gun Charges

ATLANTA — A veteran federal judge faces drug and firearms charges after an exotic dancer at an Atlanta strip club told authorities he used cocaine, marijuana and other illegal drugs with her.

Senior U.S. District Judge Jack T. Camp was arrested Friday minutes after he handed an undercover law enforcement agent \$160 for cocaine and Roxycodone, a narcotic pain medication, that he intended to use with the exotic dancer, authorities said in a court document released Monday. They said they also found two firearms in the front seat of his vehicle.

Camp, 67, who has presided over some high-profile cases, was released Monday on a \$50,000 bond. His attorney, William Morrison, said after a brief hearing that the judge intends to plead not guilty. Morrison said Camp would probably take a leave of absence and would not preside over any more cases until the charges are resolved.

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Billy Mays, the late pitcher

Autopsy: Cocaine had role in his death

Hillsborough County spokeswoman Lori Hudson said nothing in the toxicology report indicated the frequency of Mays' cocaine use. Cocaine can raise arterial blood pressure, directly cause thickening of the left wall of the ventricle and accelerate the formation of atherosclerosis in the coronary arteries, the release said.

The toxicology tests also showed therapeutic amounts of painkillers hydrocodone, oxycodone and tramadol, and anti-anxiety drugs alprazolam and diazepam. Mays had suffered hip problems and was scheduled for hip-replacement surgery the day after he was found dead.

tributory cause of death." The office said Mays last used cocaine in the few days before his death but was not under the influence of the drug when he died.

NEWSDAY



Teachers Calm Students With 'Prescription' Mints

By SANDYMAPLE | February 10th, 2010 at 1:48 pm

The drug bottles were made more realistic with labels that read in part: “Watson’s Whiz Kid Pharmacy. Take 1 tablet by mouth EVERY 5 MINUTES to cure FCAT jitters. Repeated use may cause craft to spontaneously ooze from pores. No refills. Ms. Falcon’s authorization required.”

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Violence



Armed Robbery

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- Do not challenge the bad actor – give him what he wants
- Let him leave the store without any intervention.
- As soon as he clears the store lock the door, call 911 and check on your customers/patients
- Write down any observations (clothing, height, weight, distinguishing features) while it is fresh in your mind
- Armed Robbery is an act of desperation. No amount of drug loss is worth your life or the life of your patients



Violence Related to Controlled Substance Pharmaceuticals

ASSASSIN



Ready for mayhem, the lunatic strolls through the door.

Gun in his right hand, he walks coolly through an aisle.



He pulls his cap over his face as he leaves the store.

Now a mass murderer, he walks out into the sunlight.

Chilling anatomy of drugstore massacre

He never gave them a chance. The coldblooded killer who massacred four people in a Long Island pharmacy methodically shot each victim, shocking, step-by-step surveillance footage of the slaughter revealed yesterday.

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DRUGSTORE MASSACRE



Husband and wife busted in Rx-slay horror



PAIN KILLER

David Laffer is the man caught on video wearing a fake beard (top) who slaughtered four people in a pharmacy to feed his wife Melinda's addiction, cops said yesterday.

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comments

Slain Lansing Rite Aid pharmacist, father of toddler may not have known attacker



Michael Nana Baffour Addo was a well-liked pharmacist at Rite Aid in the Frandor Shopping Center in Lansing. (Courtesy photo)



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LANSING — Michael Addo, known as a friendly Rite Aid pharmacist with a "million dollar smile," had a toddler and wife in Ghana, where he hoped

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Pharmacist slain in Beach robbery was much beloved

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1 OF 10 PHOTOS: Shannon Rogers lays flowers near the store on Monday, April 14, 2014. Rogers said she just met the store's owner, David Kilgore, this weekend. Rogers, who called Kilgore "awesome," said he let her park her car at the store so she could spend a day at the beach. Police said Kilgore died after an attempted robbery in his drugstore Monday morning. (Brian J. Clark | The Virginian-Pilot)

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The Virginian-Pilot
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VIRGINIA BEACH

When pharmacist David Kilgore left Rite Aid three-plus years ago, customers transferred their prescriptions to his new, small independent business.

They admired the way he connected with them on a personal level.

Monday, they placed flowers at his pharmacy's doorstep after learning the 46-year-old was shot during a morning robbery and later died.

"It was always, 'Hey Pete, how you doing?'" said Peter Carlson, who dropped off a colorful bouquet at Beach Pharmacy on Monday evening.

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The pharmacist was working at Rite Aid on Laskin Road near the Oceanfront when development



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Burden on the health care delivery system



Prescription drug
epidemic?
How did we get to this
point?



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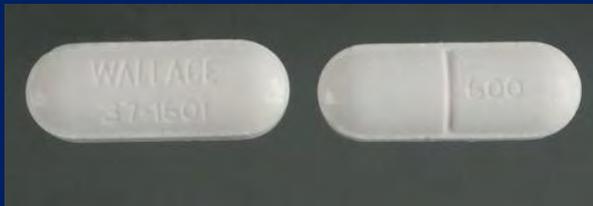
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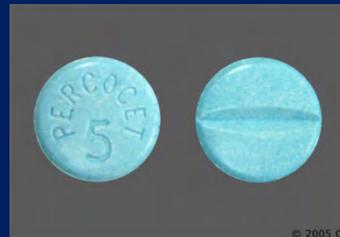
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Inadequate Pain Control

ADDICTION RARE IN PATIENTS TREATED WITH NARCOTICS

To the Editor: Recently, we examined our current files to determine the incidence of narcotic addiction in 39,946 hospitalized medical patients¹ who were monitored consecutively. Although there were 11,882 patients who received at least one narcotic preparation, there were only four cases of reasonably well documented

We conclude that despite widespread use of narcotic drugs in hospitals, the development of addiction is rare in medical patients with no history of addiction.

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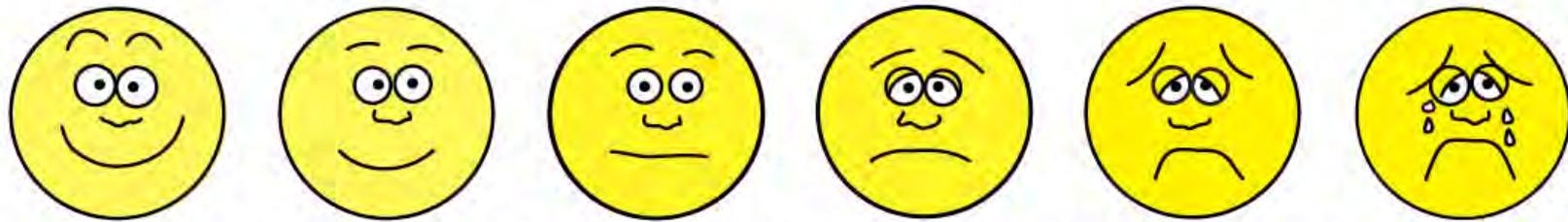


The Fifth Vital Sign?

1. Temperature
2. Heart Rate
3. Blood Pressure
4. Respiration
5. Pain?

Pain Scale

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0 No Hurt
 1
 2 Hurts Little Bit
 3
 4 Hurts Little More
 5
 6 Hurts Even More
 7
 8 Hurts Whole Lot
 9
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Experts call for balance in addressing under treated pain and drug abuse

Healthcare decisions must remain in the hands of healthcare professionals for the sake of patients

A balance must be struck between physicians' responsibility to treat chronic pain and the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) duty to combat drug abuse, according to a series of seven commentaries by national thoughtleaders published today in the February issue of Pain Medicine.

The commentaries explore the current state of the use of pain medicine from a variety of perspectives, with an emphasis on the tension between physicians treating legitimate pain and the DEA. Pain Medicine is the journal of the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM).

According to the American Pain Foundation, chronic pain affects more than 50 million Americans. People suffering from chronic pain may need pain medicine to lead normal lives, such as being able to work and to participate in family life. Many patients with chronic pain have lost access to appropriate medical care due to tension between regulatory/legislative bodies and the medical community.

The lead commentary describing current DEA policy on pain care with controlled substances was written by Howard A. Heit, MD, a pain and addiction medicine specialist who has collaborated with the DEA. AAPM President Scott M. Fishman, MD, presents a collision of the war on drugs with efforts to improve pain care. Jennifer Bolen, JD, Former Assistant US Attorney with the United States Department of Justice, makes a compelling case that current DEA policies are founded on erroneous and inappropriate positions. Edward Covington, MD, Steven Passik, PhD, and Ben A. Rich, JD, PhD, add additional dimensions to the current perceived state of imbalance, while Will Rowe, Executive Director of the American Pain Foundation, a patient advocacy organization provides perspective on patient's rights.

Victories and Defeats in Pain Care

Dr. Heit and others worked with the DEA to develop the August 2004 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for Health Care Professionals and Law Enforcement Personnel, which the DEA subsequently disavowed causing "confusion and consternation" among physicians who treat pain.

"It is now apparent to me that the spirit of cooperation that existed between the DEA and the pain community to achieve the goal of balance has broken down. The DEA seems to have ignored the input and needs of the healthcare professionals and pain patients who actually prescribe, dispense and use controlled substances," Dr. Heit states in his commentary.

"It is essential that we resume dialogue between the DEA and healthcare professions for the benefit of our patients and society," continues Dr. Heit. "The DEA and the healthcare professionals treating pain both have an important job to do in ensuring that those who need [controlled substances] for pain receive them while preventing misuse and diversion. Only through dialogue based on and mutual trust and respect can this balance be restored."

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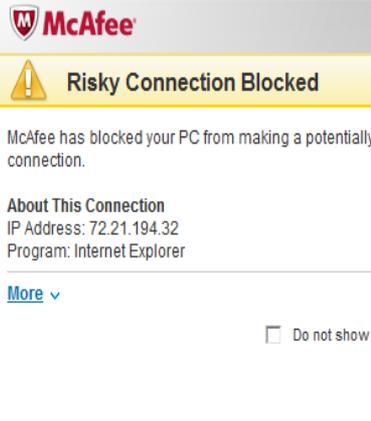
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Experts call for balance in addressing under treated pain and drug abuse

Healthcare decisions must remain in the hands of healthcare professionals for the sake of patients

A balance must be struck between physicians' responsibility to treat chronic pain and the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) duty to combat drug abuse, according to a series of seven commentaries by national thoughtleaders published today in the February issue of Pain Medicine.

The commentaries explore the current state of the use of pain medicine from a variety of perspectives, with an emphasis on the tension between physicians treating legitimate pain and the DEA. Pain Medicine is the journal of the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM).

According to the American Pain Foundation, chronic pain affects more than 50 million Americans. People suffering from chronic pain may need pain medicine to lead normal lives, such as being able to work and to participate in family life. Many patients with chronic pain have lost access to appropriate medical care due to tension between regulatory/legislative bodies and the medical community.

The lead commentary describing current DEA policy on pain care with controlled substances was written by Howard A. Heit, MD, a pain and addiction medicine specialist who has collaborated with the DEA. AAPM President Scott M. Fishman, MD, presented a compelling case that current DEA policies are founded on erroneous and inappropriate positions. Edward Covington, MD, Steven Passik, PhD, and Ben A. Rich, JD, PhD, add additional dimensions to the current perceived state of imbalance, while Will Rowe, Executive Director of the American Pain Foundation, a patient advocacy organization, emphasizes the need to balance the interests of patients and society.

Victims and Society in Conflict

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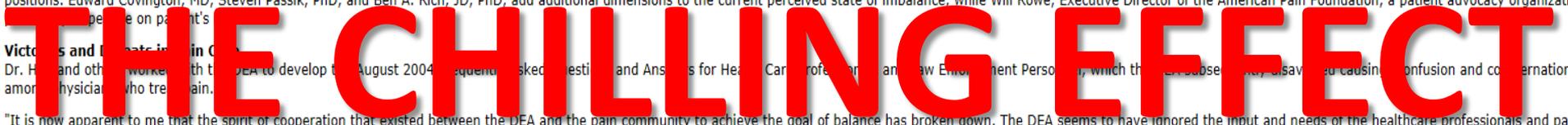
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Baucus, Grassley Seek Answers about Opioid Manufacturers' Ties to Medical Groups

[Finance Leaders Investigate Whether Pharmaceutical Companies Encouraged Non-Profit Beneficiaries to Promote Misleading Information about Narcotic Painkillers](#)

Washington, DC – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and senior Committee member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) initiated an investigation today into the connections of drug manufacturers Purdue Pharma, Endo Pharmaceuticals, and Johnson & Johnson with medical groups and physicians who have advocated the increased use of narcotic painkillers, or opioids. The Senators also asked seven other medical groups to produce information about their financial ties and collaborations with opioid manufacturers. In letters sent to each yesterday, Baucus and Grassley requested documents and financial information from the companies and noted that deaths resulting from opioid overdoses have recently skyrocketed, growing nearly 400 percent between 1999 and 2008, the most recent year data was available. They also highlighted news reports suggesting the increase may be driven by misinformation and dubious marketing practices used by the pharmaceutical companies and the medical organizations they fund.

“Overdoses on narcotic painkillers have become an epidemic, and it’s becoming clear that patients aren’t getting a full and clear picture of the risks posed by their medications,” Baucus said. “When it comes to these highly-addictive painkillers, improper relationships between pharmaceutical

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Side Effects



"It is clear that the United States is suffering from an epidemic of accidental deaths and addiction resulting from increased use of powerful narcotic painkillers," said a joint statement from committee members U.S. Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Max Baucus (D-Mont.).

The senators said there was growing evidence that drug companies have promoted misleading information about the safety and effectiveness of the drugs with help from nonprofits they have donated to.

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In addition to the pain organizations, the committee also sought records from three leading drug companies: Purdue Pharma, Johnson & Johnson and Endo Pharmaceuticals. It also requested records from the Center for Practical Bioethics, a Kansas City, Mo., organization that has advocated for pain treatment.

The committee said it wants records dating back to 1997.

The letter notes that a February Journal Sentinel/MedPage Today story

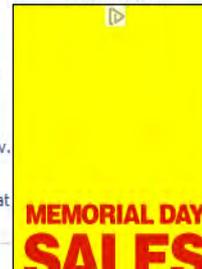


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Bioethics think tank's ties to pain pill industry studied

BY ALAN BAVLEY
The Kansas City Star

A U.S. Senate committee is examining a Kansas City-based bioethics think tank's financial ties to the pain-pill industry.

The inquiry is part of a sweeping investigation by the Senate Finance Committee of connections between pain drug manufacturers and organizations and physicians who have advocated for increased use of narcotic — also known as opioid — painkillers.

Abuse of these potentially addictive pain medications has become a national epidemic and accounts for more overdose deaths than heroin and cocaine combined. About 5 million people had used the drugs recently without a prescription, a federal survey found.

The Center for Practical Bioethics is one of seven organizations that received letters this week from the Senate committee asking them for information about their financial ties and collaborations with opioid manufacturers.

The other organizations are the American Pain Foundation, the American Academy of Pain Medicine, the American Pain Society, the Wisconsin Pain and Policy Study Group, the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Recent investigations by news organizations have found that some of these groups, such as the American Pain Foundation, a patient advocacy group, are funded largely by the drug industry.

The Senate committee is seeking to determine whether any of the groups promoted misleading information about the risks and benefits of opioids while receiving financial support from manufacturers of the drugs.

A Senate aide told The Kansas City Star that the investigation may bring into question guidelines for pain management, or the legitimacy of some of the organizations under scrutiny.

One of the organizations, the American Pain Foundation, disbanded last week, citing "irreparable economic circumstances."

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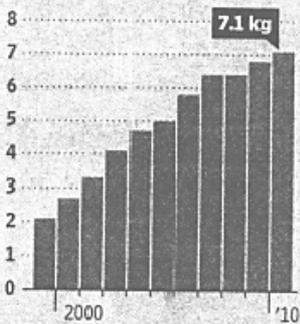


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A Pain-Drug Champion Has Second Thoughts

On the Rise

Kilograms of opioids sold, per 10,000 people



Source: National Vital Statistics

By THOMAS CATAN AND EVAN PEREZ

It has been his life's work. Now, Russell Portenoy appears to be having second thoughts.

Two decades ago, the prominent New York pain-care specialist drove a movement to help people with chronic pain. He campaigned to rehabilitate a group of painkillers derived from the opium poppy that were long shunned by physicians because of their addictiveness.

Dr. Portenoy's message was wildly successful. Today, drugs containing opioids like Vicodin, OxyContin and Percocet are among the most widely prescribed pharmaceuticals in America.

Opioids are also behind the country's deadliest drug epidemic. More than

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Recent research suggests a significantly higher risk of addiction than previously thought, and questions whether opioids are effective against long-term chronic pain.

The change of heart among former champions of opioid use has happened

quietly, largely beyond the notice of many doctors. New York psychiatrist Joseph Carmody said he was "shocked" after attending a recent lecture outlining the latest findings on opioid risk.

"It goes in the face of everything you've learned," he said. "You saw other doctors come around to it and saying, 'Oh my God, what are we doing?'"

Because doctors feared they were dangerous and addictive, opioids were long reserved mainly for cancer patients. But Dr. Portenoy argued that they could be also safely be taken for months or years by people suffering from chronic pain. Among the assertions he and his followers made in the 1990s: Less than 1% of opioid users became addicted, the drugs

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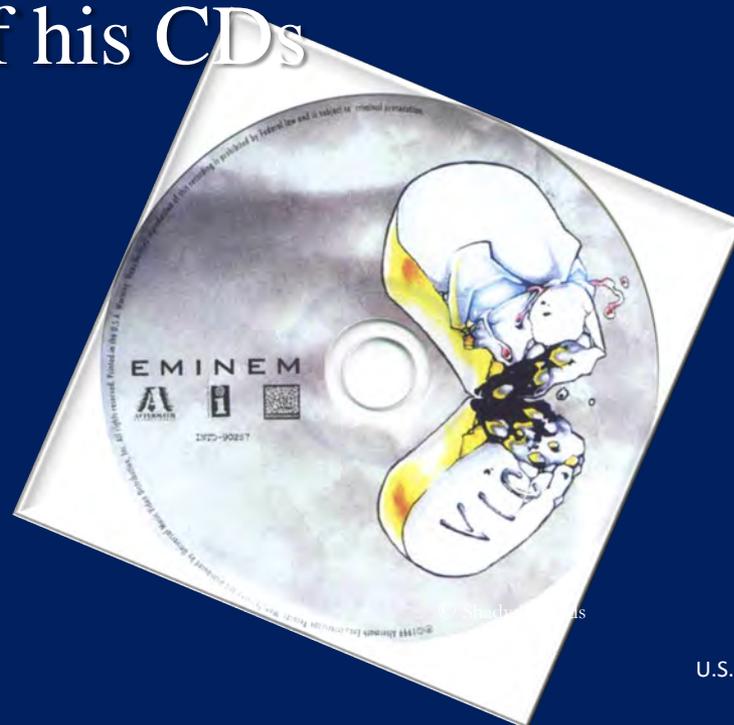


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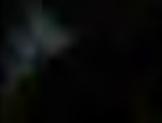


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Bluelight Remembers Ryan Haight, Launch of the Recovery forums

by [Sebastians_ghost](#) Published on 12-02-2013 06:44



Dear Bluelighters,

As some of you may remember, February 12th is the twelfth anniversary of the passing of one of our own. To most it will be remembered as the first day "Bluelight went black." To those of us who knew Ryan Haight (a.k.a Quicksilver) it is also the day we lost a friend.

The impact of Ryan's life and untimely death have echoed forward in the passage of the Ryan Haight Internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008, signed into law by President G.W. Bush in October of the same year. In honor of Ryan, Bluelight is proud to announce the launch of a new collection of forums designed to support sober living, a

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Ok--- so here is my current experiment status' so far.

- 1.) Milling / Grinding OP 80 - I have found the best way to crush OP80 with the use of a foot file / nail file. Hoseclamp did not work good. Using the file, I was able to get it to a powder around 20% thicker than the old OC.
- 2.) Experiment 1: Fail - My first experiment was to mill the OP80 and I left it overnight in a mixture of apple cider vinegar and lemon juice. 8-9 hours later, I drank it and received minimal if any effects except a horrible case of acid stomach. I suspect all the acid may have killed the alkaloids or something, or just failed to extract it completely.
- 3.) Experiment 2: Fail - Grinding up and parachuting - despite milling these OPs down, they still retain substantial time release. I found this to be a failure and it released the oxy slowly over the course of many hours.
- 4.) M.L.K - I read that if you put M.L.K drops (a popular, common solvent) in a spoon to saturate some milled OP 80, then let it evaporate, it dissolves the plastic and leaves a snortable powder that does not Gel. Many people report success with this, but I did not. Perhaps I did not use enough M.L.K or let it dissolve for long enough.

I posted this in the other thread, but I find this information useful and suggest you all read it here in case u missed it:

From the Purdue website, here is a summary of the info I found:

<http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/...-05-Purdue.pdf>

Besides the obvious Simple, Medium, and Complex solvent thing that has everyone confused--- here is some information you guys should consider in ur investigations:

- 1.) At room temperature, using commonly found solvents, the best they could do was extracting 50% of the oxycodone for SHORT DURATION Shakign Extractions at room temperature.
- 2.) At room temperature with some less readily available solvents, extraction was as high as 70% during a "SHORT DURATION" shaking extraction at room temp.
- 3.) When we are dealing with EXTENDED extraction times at ROOM temperature--- some SIMPLE HOUSEHOLD solvents extracted up to 78% of the oxycodone! That might mean if we leave oxycodone soaked in acetone, M.E.K, or Ether for some time we can get almost 80% of the OC out. How long is an extended duration, I wonder? 1 hour, 2, hour, 4 hours-- shaking and stirring it. In the end, I woudl assume we would filter out the gunk, evaporate the solvent, and be left with pure oxycodone residue. The 22% or so that wasnt extracted would remain in the gunk we filter and we could eat them or something. There was one simple solvent they listed, however, that only got 2-9% out--- in otherwords destroying the alkaloid entirely. Not sure which one that is but maybe we can research solvents known to destroy oxycodone molecules. The Medium and Complex solvents all removed most of the oxycodone when leaving them at room temperature for extended periods of time.

5 mg alprazolam has done nothing

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Months ago, maybe even a year ago now, a friend introduced me to Xanax because we had been on a meth bender and sleeping had become impossible for me and I needed sleep bad. I took quarter of a 2 mg brick and it knocked me out and I loved it, the refreshing sleep. I've taken it around 10 times since then, every now and then when I really need to get to sleep and never more than 1-2 mg. So I definitely don't have a high tolerance to the stuff or anything.

I haven't had them for months now though. I had been smoking meth today and wanted to sleep. So well over 5 hours ago now, I took quarter of a 2 mg brick. 45 minutes later it hadn't done a thing, so I took another quarter. So I'd had 1 mg. Half an hour later, still nothing. Waited a bit then swallowed the other half of the brick, 2 mg still would do anything at all other than make me feel slightly relaxed. Swallowed another half a brick or 1 mg, waited 40 minutes, still nothing. Swallowed another whole brick, bringing the total dose up to 5 mg about half an hour ago and still I am wide awake.

They aren't fake Xanax. So wtf is up with this? 😞 a few days before this I was taking a couple 25mg seroquels per night for about a week if that make a difference, haven't had any for a few days though. Does anybody know wtf is up with this?

REPLY

QUOTE



#2

deerman

Greenlighter



Join Date: Apr 2014

Location: Dagoon Mountains

Posts: 18

04-04-2014 22:39

Xanax doesn't do anything of value for me, except make me pass out if I take too much.

Ativan on the other hand does wonders. Lorazepam is a highly effective benzo for putting one to sleep, in fact I have never heard of a doctor prescribing xanax for sleep, however it is common with lorazepam. Actually Xanax is downright destructive for sleep, do some research.

Perhaps your Xanax is old? Otherwise, join the club. Xanax fucking sucks for me. Ativan is the wonder benzo, not that I have a need for benzos anymore.

Maybe one should lay off the meth if they feel a need to take meds to go to sleep? How about a big hot meal with lots of vegetables and some chelated magnesium and lots of water? Get your body back in balance, meth will wreck your CNS if you aren't being a careful user.

If you insist on using a prescription medication to help come down off meth and get to sleep, I would use lorazepam or ambien. But you're just wreaking more havoc to your body by taking all those drugs...

Is there any way to get high off of just 5mg of hydrocodone?

#1

Hydromethomine

Bluelighter



Join Date: Mar 2014
Location: Ohio
Posts: 78

07-04-2014 22:40

I have only been up to 25mg, and it has worked plenty fine for me. 10 gives me a slightly euphoric feeling. Could I use a certain potentiator, or maybe use a certain method? I only have this one 5/500 pill left. Thanks.

REPLY QUOTE

#2

danolaa420

Greenlighter

Join Date: Mar 2014
Posts: 12

Yesterday 00:38

Crush it into fine powder and grab a pinch at a time and put it in ur rear end or put the powder in a capsle and stick it up should dissolve

REPLY QUOTE

#3

Hydromethomine

Bluelighter



Join Date: Mar 2014
Location: Ohio
Posts: 78

Yesterday 00:45

Would snorting help at all? I know some people have different reactions to snorting it. I know the acetaminophen isn't nice on the nose, but still.

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Featured blog entry from [Alfa](#)

 **Why Drugs-Forum is so addictive...**
 Posted 09-12-2014 at 00:36 by [Alfa](#)

Since starting this site 11 years ago DF has evolved so much. In the beginning it was a cosy group of peeps posting crap and having fun. Hell, I remember that I used to call up members to confront them about soliciting on the site. That all has changed. What was clear from the start was that we are onto something good. Something with meaning. Something that will grow big and influential. Back then we already knew that this site was going to make a difference. This has not changed.

The site has already made significant impact. With 35 million+ readers per year it affects the world. It's one of the main go-to places on the net. It affects what people know about [drugs](#) and how people perceive drugs. [Drug](#) Policy Organisations attribute a lot to DF.

The site has changed lives and saved lives. Lives we...

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Featured blog entry from [JonnyBGoode](#)

Getting addicted to opiates full time..
 Posted 17-03-2015 at 23:30 by [JonnyBGoode](#)

After I received that first packet of Oxy's everything changed pretty rapidly. They were a step up from the other pain killers I had been taking in terms of strength and the [euphoria](#) was incredible, it allowed me to be really confident again and go out to clubs even dancing for hours again like if I had been taking [ecstasy](#) still. If you crush up Oxycontin, and snort it, you get the effects instantly and it hits you harder, I had started swallowing one then carrying others crushed up into a powder in a bag with me, I just snorted in pub toilets like people take [cocaine](#) but it was [opiates](#) for me. I loved it so much I just didn't care about anything else, I budgeted all my monthly outgoings around ordering a big parcel from Mexico or Serbia or wherever I could get them sent from dodgy online pharmacies.

It was around the initial...

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DEA Web-based Resources

www.DEA.gov

The screenshot shows the DEA website homepage with the following elements:

- Header:** "DEA" in large gold letters, "UNITED STATES Drug Enforcement Administration" in white, and the slogan "TOUGH WORK, VITAL MISSION".
- Navigation Menu:** HOME, ABOUT, CAREERS, OPERATIONS, DRUG INFO, PREVENTION, PRESS ROOM.
- Main Banner:** "Tough Work, Vital Mission The Facts About DEA" with a large DEA seal in the center.
- Right Column:**
 - Drug Facts for Today's Teens (JustThinkTwice.com)
 - A DEA Resource for Parents (GetSmartAboutDrugs.com)
 - Wall of Honor (DEA Remembers)
- Bottom Section:**
 - TOP STORY:** "Couple Handed Lengthy Sentences in International Cocaine Trafficking Conspiracy" (JAN 29 (BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS)).
 - TOPICS OF INTEREST:** DEA Fact Sheet, Drugs of Abuse: A DEA Resource Guide, Extension of Temporary Placement of Five Synthetic Cannabinoids, The DEA Position on Marijuana.
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Community Coalitions and Advocacy Groups



Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

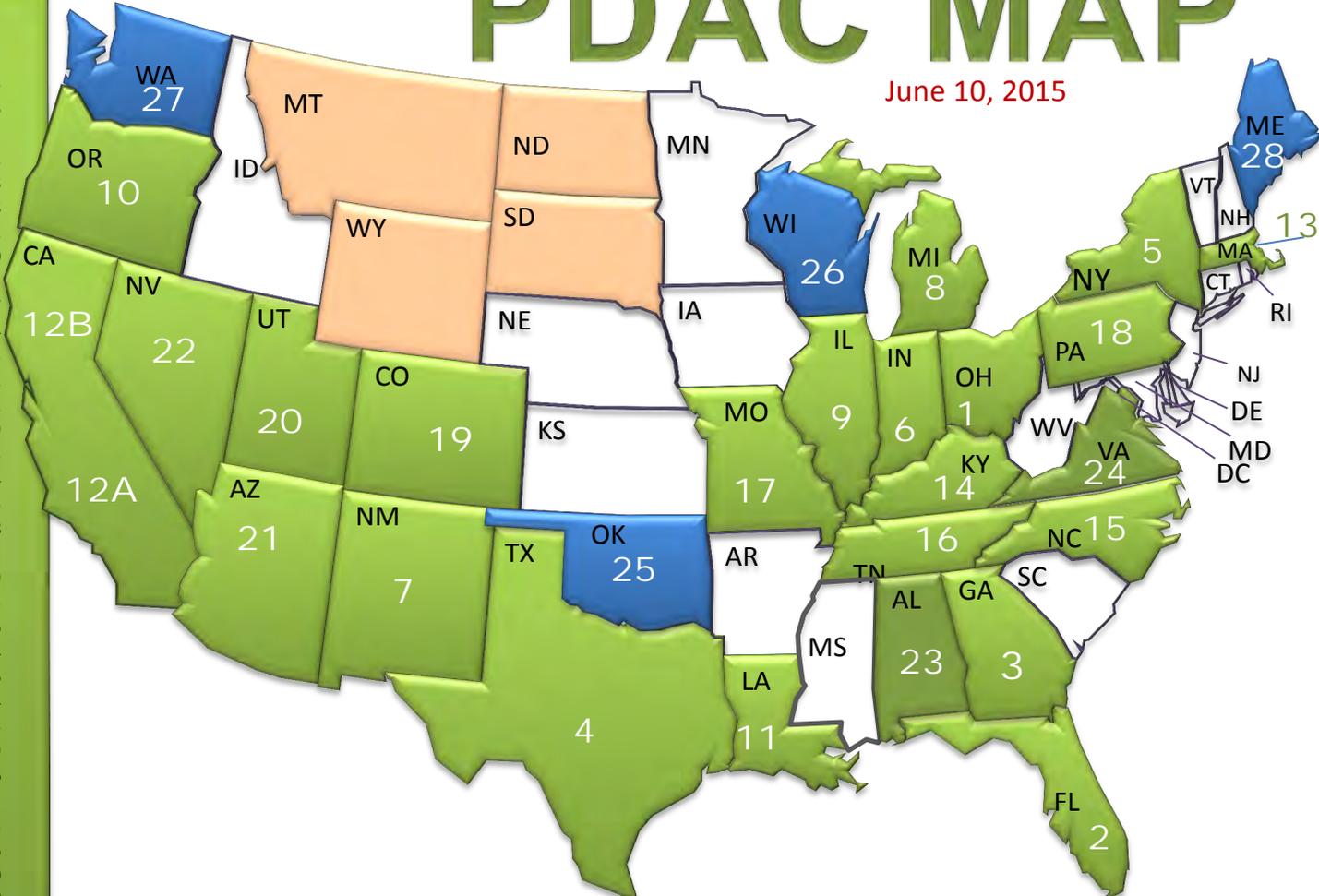
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PDAC MAP

June 10, 2015

Completed PDACs

	Attendance
FY-2011	
1-Cincinnati, OH 9/17-18/11	75
FY-2011 Total Attendance	75
FY-2012	
2-WPB, FL 3/17-18/12	1,192
3-Atlanta, GA 6/2-3/12	328
4-Houston, TX 9/8-9/12	518
5-Long Island, NY 9/15-16/12	391
FY-2012 Total Attendance	2,429
FY-2013	
6-Indianapolis, IN 12/8-9/12	137
7-Albuquerque, NM 3/2-3/13	284
8-Detroit, MI 5/4-5/13	643
9-Chicago, IL 6/22-23/13	321
10-Portland, OR 7/13-14/13	242
11-Baton Rouge, LA 8/3-4/13	259
12A-San Diego, CA 8/16-17/13	353
12B-San Jose, CA 8/18-19/13	434
13-Boston, MA 9/21-22/13	275
FY-2013 Total Attendance	2,948
FY-2014	
14-Louisville, KY 11/16-17/13	149
15-Charlotte, NC 2/8-9/14	513
16-Knoxville, TN 3/22-23/14	246
17-St. Louis, MO 4/5-6/14	224
18-Philadelphia, PA 7/12-13/14	276
19-Denver, CO 8/2-3/14	174
20-SLC, UT 8/23-24/14	355
21-Phoenix, AZ 9/13-14/14	259
FY-2014 Total Attendance	2,196
FY-2015	
22-Las Vegas, NV 2/7-8/15	193
23-Birmingham, AL 3/28-29/15	296
24-Norfolk, VA 5/30-31/15	410
Total Attendance To Date	8,547



Proposed FY-2015 PDACs
 25-Oklahoma City, OK June 27-28, 2015
 26-Milwaukee, WI July 25-26, 2015
 27-Seattle, WA August 8-9, 2015
 28-Portland, ME September 12-13, 2015

Postponed FY-2015 PDAC
 Rapid City, SD

- Completed PDACs
- Proposed PDACs
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Most Frequent Method of Obtaining a Pharmaceutical Controlled Substance for Non-Medical Use

Friends and Family...For Free!!



The Medicine Cabinet and the Problem of Pharmaceutical Controlled Substance Disposal



The Problem – Easy Access





Medicine Cabinets: Easy Access

- More than half of teens (**73%**) indicate that it's easy to get prescription drugs from their parent's medicine cabinet
- Half of parents (**55%**) say anyone can access their medicine cabinet
- Almost four in 10 teens (**38%**) who have misused or abused a prescription drug obtained it from their parent's medicine cabinet



So Many Drugs in the Household – Why?

- Unreasonable quantities being prescribed
- Insurance rules



National Take Back Initiative

September 27, 2014

Got Drugs?

Turn in your
unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday **September 27, 2014**

Click here
for a collection
site near you.



10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Office of Diversion Control



Nationwide Take-back Initiative

Over 3.4 million pounds (1,733 tons) collected

- On September 30, 2010, approximately 122 tons
- On April 30, 2011, approximately 188 tons
- On October 29, 2011, approximately 189 tons
- On April 28, 2012, approximately 276 tons
- On September 29, 2012, approximately 244 tons
- On April 27, 2013, approximately 376 tons
- On October 26 , 2013, approximately 324 tons
- On April 26, 2014, approximately 390 tons
- On September 27, 2014, approximately 309 tons

Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010

- Legislation that provides ultimate users and long-term care facilities (LTCFs) with additional methods to dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired controlled pharmaceuticals in a secure, safe, and responsible manner.
- Authorized DEA to promulgate regulations that allow ultimate users to transfer pharmaceutical controlled substances to authorized entities for disposal.
 - Specific language in the regulation continues to allow Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement to maintain collection receptacles at the law enforcement's physical location; and either independently or in partnership with private entities or community groups, to voluntarily hold take-back events and administer mail-back programs.
- Created an exception for LTCFs to transfer pharmaceutical controlled substances for disposal on behalf of patients who reside or have resided at that facility

Authorized to Collect

- The following persons are authorized to collect from ultimate user and other non-registrants for destruction:
 - Any DEA registrant authorized pursuant to § 1317.40
 - Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement when in the course of official duties and pursuant to § 1317.35

Registrants authorized to collect:

- Manufacturers
- Distributors
- Reverse Distributors
- Narcotic Treatment Programs
- Hospitals/clinics with an on-site pharmacy
- Retail Pharmacies

Authorized collectors, as registrants, are readily familiar with the security procedures and other requirements to handle controlled substances.

How does a registrant become a collector?

- Authorized registrant must be registered to handle schedule II controlled substances
- Request a modification in writing to the DEA or on-line at www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov
- Request must contain:
 - Registrant's name, address, and DEA number
 - The method(s) of collection:
 - Collection receptacle and/or mail-back program
 - Authorized signature per § 1301.13(j)
- No fee is required for this modification request

New Authorized Methods of Collection

- Collection receptacles
- Mail-back programs

Design of Collection Receptacle

- Securely fastened to a permanent structure.
- Securely locked, substantially constructed container with permanent outer container and removable inner liner.
- Outer container must have small opening that allows for contents to be added but does not allow for removal of contents.



Collection Receptacle Location

- Must be securely placed and maintained:
 - Inside collector's registered location
 - Inside law enforcement's physical location, or
 - Inside an authorized LTCF



Collection Receptacle Location

- **Registered location** – immediate proximity of designated area where controlled substances are stored and at which an employee is present.
- **LTCF** – located in secure area regularly monitored by LTCF employees.
- **Hospital/clinic** – located in an area regularly monitored by employees, **not** in proximity of where emergency or urgent care is provided.
- **NTP** – located in a room that does not contain any other controlled substances and is securely locked with controlled access.

Community Efforts

Educate the Community: DEA encourages voluntary, educational outreach to the public on the abuse potential and proper disposal of pharmaceutical controlled substances, whether it be through law enforcement, community groups, or professional organizations.

Conduct Take-Back Events: Entities may choose to establish disposal programs for various reasons, including for profit, to build goodwill in the community, to attract customers, to advertise businesses, and to preserve the environment.



PhRMA v. County of Alameda Cert. denied (5/26/2015)

2012 Ordinance requiring manufacturers and distributors to be responsible for costs of disposal of unused medicines

District court found that the Ordinance serves a legitimate public health and safety interest at a relatively modest cost.



PROZAC® (fluoxetine HCl) FISH (?)





Medicines Recommended for Disposal by Flushing Listed by Medicine and Active Ingredient

This list from FDA tells you what expired, unwanted, or unused medicines you should flush down the sink or toilet to help prevent danger to **people and pets in the home.**

Medicine	Active Ingredient
Abstral, tablets (sublingual)	Fentanyl
Actiq, oral transmucosal lozenge *	Fentanyl Citrate
Avinza, capsules (extended release)	Morphine Sulfate
Buprenorphine Hydrochloride, tablets (sublingual) *	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride
Buprenorphine Hydrochloride; Naloxone Hydrochloride, tablets (sublingual) *	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride; Naloxone Hydrochloride
Butrans, transdermal patch system	Buprenorphine
Daytrana, transdermal patch system	Methylphenidate
Demerol, tablets *	Meperidine Hydrochloride
Demerol, oral solution *	Meperidine Hydrochloride
Diastat/Diastat AcuDial, rectal gel	Diazepam
Dilaudid, tablets *	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride
Dilaudid, oral liquid	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride
Dolophine Hydrochloride, tablets *	Methadone Hydrochloride
Duragesic, patch (extended-release) *	Fentanyl
Embeda, capsules (extended release)	Morphine Sulfate; Naltrexone Hydrochloride
Exalgo, tablets (extended release)	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride
Fentora, tablets (buccal)	Fentanyl Citrate
Kadian, capsules (extended release)	Morphine Sulfate
Methadone Hydrochloride, oral solution *	Methadone Hydrochloride
Methadose, tablets *	Methadone Hydrochloride
Morphine Sulfate, tablets (immediate release) *	Morphine Sulfate
Morphine Sulfate, oral solution *	Morphine Sulfate
MS Contin, tablets (extended release) *	Morphine Sulfate
Nucynta ER, tablets (extended release)	Tapentadol
Onsolis, soluble film (buccal)	Fentanyl Citrate
Opana, tablets (immediate release)	Oxymorphone Hydrochloride
Opana ER, tablets (extended release)	Oxymorphone Hydrochloride
Oxecta, tablets (immediate release)	Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Oxycodone Hydrochloride, capsules	Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Oxycodone Hydrochloride, oral solution	Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Oxycontin, tablets (extended release) *	Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Percocet, tablets *	Acetaminophen; Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Percodan, tablets *	Aspirin; Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Suboxone, film (sublingual)	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride; Naloxone Hydrochloride
Xyrem, oral solution	Sodium Oxybate
Zubsolv, tablets (sublingual)	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride; Naloxone Hydrochloride

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Active Ingredient	Medicine
Acetaminophen; Oxycodone Hydrochloride	Percocet, tablets *
Aspirin; Oxycodone Hydrochloride	Percodan, tablets *
Buprenorphine	Butrans, transdermal patch (extended release)
Buprenorphine Hydrochloride	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride, tablets (sublingual) *
Buprenorphine Hydrochloride; Naloxone Hydrochloride	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride; Naloxone Hydrochloride, tablets (sublingual) Suboxone, film (sublingual) Zubsolv, tablets (sublingual)
Diazepam	Diastat/Diastat AcuDial, rectal gel
Fentanyl	Abstral, tablets (sublingual) Duragesic, patch (extended-release) *
Fentanyl Citrate	Actiq, oral transmucosal lozenge * Fentora, tablets (buccal) Onsolis, soluble film (buccal)
Hydromorphone Hydrochloride	Dilaudid, tablets * Dilaudid, oral liquid Exalgo, tablets (extended release)
Meperidine Hydrochloride	Demerol, tablets * Demerol, oral solution *
Methadone Hydrochloride	Dolophine Hydrochloride, tablets * Methadone Hydrochloride, oral solution * Methadose, tablets *
Methylphenidate	Daytrana, transdermal patch system
Morphine Sulfate	Avinza, capsules (extended release) Kadian, capsules (extended release) Morphine Sulfate, tablets (immediate release) * Morphine Sulfate, oral solution MS Contin, tablets (extended release)
Morphine Sulfate; Naltrexone Hydrochloride	Embeda, capsules (extended release)
Oxycodone Hydrochloride	Oxecta, tablets (immediate release) Oxycodone Hydrochloride, capsules Oxycodone Hydrochloride, oral solution Oxycontin, tablets (extended release) *
Oxymorphone Hydrochloride	Opana, tablets (immediate release) Opana ER, tablets (extended release)
Sodium Oxybate	Xyrem, oral solution
Tapentadol	Nucynta ER, tablets (extended release)

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Pharmaceuticals



Controlled Pharmaceuticals



Prescription Requirements

	Schedule II	Schedule III	Schedule IV	Schedule V
Written	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oral	Emergency Only*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Facsimile	Yes**	Yes	Yes	Yes
Refills	No	Yes#	Yes#	Yes#
Partial Fills	Yes***	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Must be reduced in writing, and followed by sign, hard copy of the prescription.

** A signed, hard copy of the prescription must be presented before the medication is dispensed.

*** 72 hour time limitation.

With medical authorization, up to 5 in 6 months.



New Controlled Substances (Recently Scheduled)

➤ Analgesic:

- Tramadol (Ultram®, Ultracet®)
- Schedule IV in CSA as of August 18, 2014



Opiates



Papaver



Somniferum

Codeine

Morphine

Thebaine

Hydrocodone

Hydromorphone

Oxycodone
Hydrocodone



INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD



Narcotic Drugs
Stupéfiants
Estupefacientes
2013

Estimated World Requirements for 2014
Statistics for 2012

Évaluations des besoins du monde pour 2014
Statistiques pour 2012

Previsiones de las necesidades mundiales para 2014
Estadísticas de 2012



UNITED NATIONS



International Narcotics Control Board

Comments on the Reported Statistics on Narcotic Drugs - 2012

- U.S. was the country with the highest consumption of Hydrocodone (approximately 45.5 tons or 99% of global consumption)
- U.S. was the country with the highest consumption of Oxycodone (approximately 77.8 tons or 82% of global consumption)
- U.S. was the country with the highest consumption of Morphine (approximately 24.9 tons or 57% of global consumption)
- U.S. was the country with the highest consumption of Methadone (approximately 15.2 tons or 49% of global consumption)
- U.S. was the country with the highest consumption of hydromorphone (approximately 1.42 tons or 42% of global consumption)
- U.S. was the country with the highest consumption of fentanyl (approximately .48 tons or 37% of global consumption)



Most commonly prescribed prescription
medicine?

Hydrocodone/acetaminophen



Worldwide Hydrocodone Use

- 67 Countries reported an estimated need requirement for hydrocodone to the International Narcotics Control Board
- 20 countries reported an estimated need of 1 kilogram or greater.
- 4 countries reported an estimated need between 500 grams and 999 grams
- 10 countries reported an estimated need between 100 grams and 499 grams
- 6 countries reported a need between 25 grams and 99 grams
- 27 countries reported a need of less than 25 grams



Worldwide Hydrocodone Use

- **Of the 20 Countries** that reported an estimated needs requirement for hydrocodone at one kilogram or more
- **8 countries** reported an estimated need of 1 kilogram to 5 kilograms
- **4 countries** reported an estimated need over 5 kilograms to 10 kilograms
- **8 countries** reported an estimated need over 10 kilograms



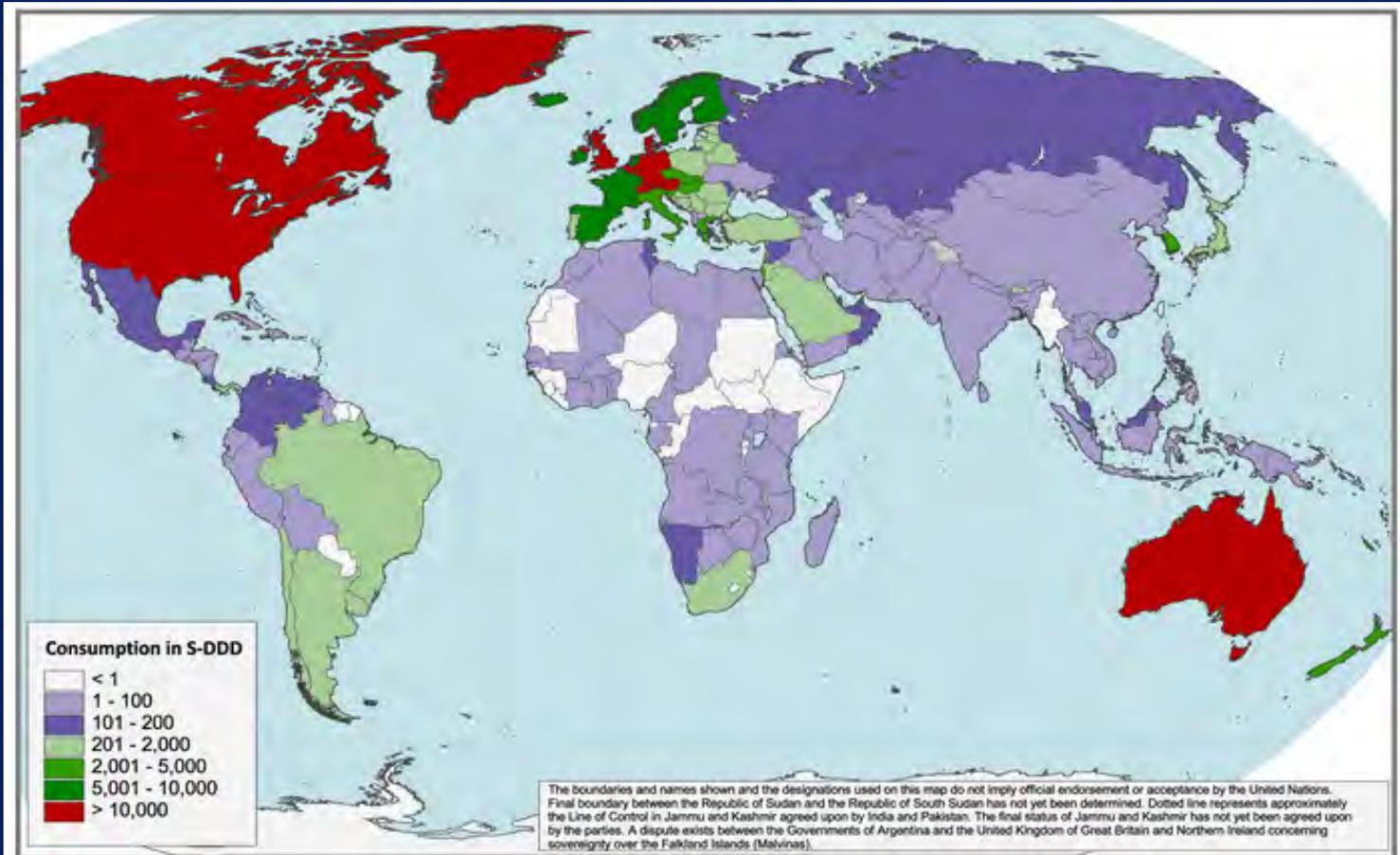
Top 10 List

- 10 Guatemala 10 kilograms
- 09 India 10 kilograms
- 08 Vietnam 20 kilograms
- 07 China 20 kilograms
- 06 Denmark 25.5 kilograms
- 05 Columbia 30 kilograms
- 04 Syrian Republic 50 kilograms
- 03 Canada 115.5 kilograms
- 02 United Kingdom 200 kilograms
- 01 United States 79,700 kilograms 99.3%



INCB: Availability of opioids* for pain management (2010-2012 average)

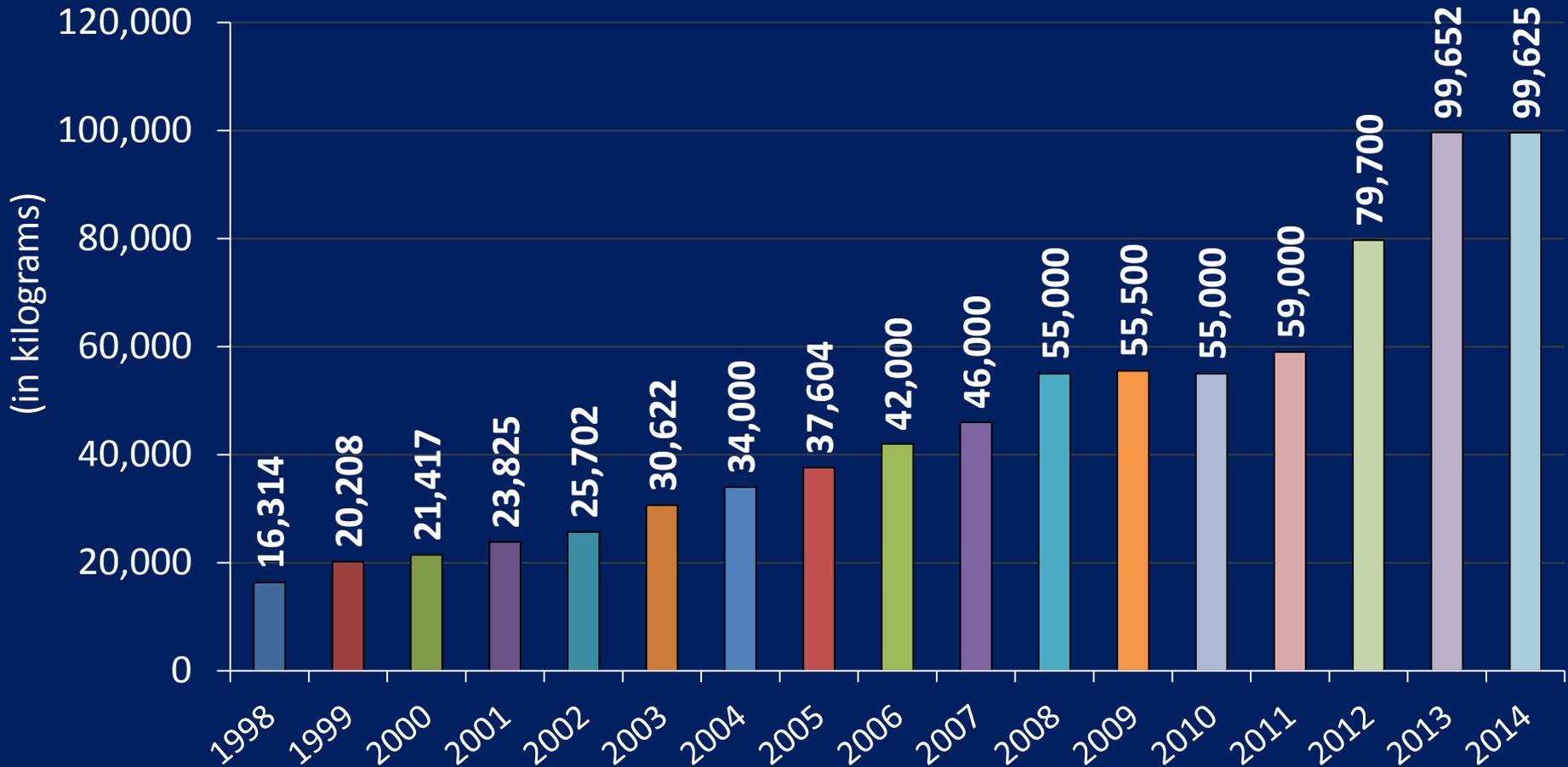
(Consumption in defined daily doses for statistical purposes (S-DDD) per million inhabitants per day)



*Codeine, dextropropoxyphene, dihydrocodeine, fentanyl, hydromorphone, ketobemidone, morphine, oxycodone, pethidine, tilidine and trimeperidine.

Hydrocodone

Aggregate Production Quota History





Hydrocodone Combinations

Currently, the CSA defines hydrocodone substance as Schedule II, while its combination products as Schedule III.

On October 6, 2014, all hydrocodone products will be placed in schedule II.

(see 79FR49661 dated August 22, 2014)



Schedule II

- The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse
- The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions
- Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence

Schedule III

- The drug or other substance has a potential for abuse less than the drugs or other substances in schedules I or II
- The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States
- Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence

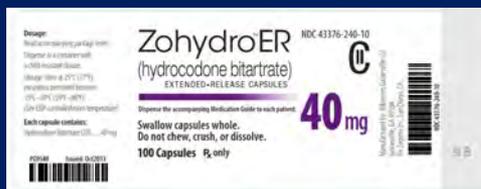
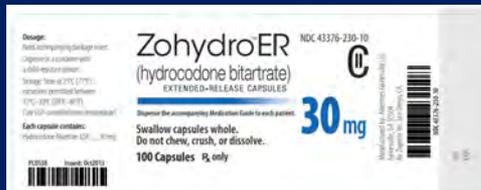
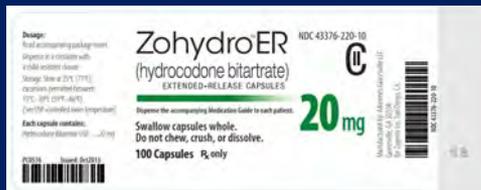
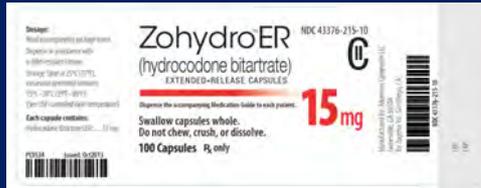
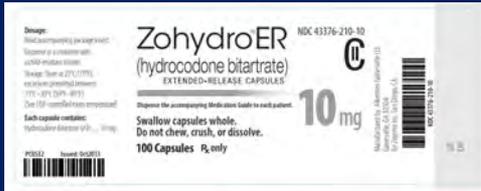


Dosing Data for Clinically Employed Opioid Analgesics

DRUG	APPROXIMATE EQUI-ANALGESIC	APPROXIMATE EQUI-ANALGESIC PARENTERAL DOSE	RECOMMENDED STARTING DOSE (adults >50 kg)		RECOMMENDED STARTING DOSE (children and adults <50 kg) ^a	
	ORAL DOSE		ORAL	PARENTERAL	ORAL	PARENTERAL
Opioid Agonists						
Morphine ^b	30 mg q3–4h (around-the-clock dosing) 60 mg q3–4h (single dose or intermittent dosing)	10 mg q3–4h	15 mg q3–4h	5 mg q3–4h	0.3 mg/kg q3–4h	0.1 mg/kg q3–4h
Codeine ^c	130 mg q3–4h	75 mg q3–4h	30 mg q3–4h	30 mg q2h (IM/SC)	1 mg/kg q3–4h ^d	Not recommended
Hydromorphone ^b (DILAUDID)	7.5 mg q3–4h	1.5 mg q3–4h	4 mg q3–4h	1 mg q3–4h	0.06 mg/kg q3–4h	0.015 mg/kg q3–4h
Hydrocodone (in LORCET, LORTAB, VICODIN, others, typically with acetaminophen)	30 mg q3–4h	Not available	5 mg q3–4h	Not available	0.2 mg/kg q3–4h ^d	Not available
Levorphanol	4 mg q6–8h	2 mg q6–8h	2 mg q6–8h	1 mg q6–8h	0.04 mg/kg q6–8h	0.02 mg/kg q6–8h
Meperidine (DEMEROL)	300 mg q2–3h	100 mg q3h	Not recommended	50 mg q3h	Not recommended	0.75 mg/kg q2–3h
Methadone (DOLOPHINE, others)	20 mg q6–8h	10 mg q6–8h	2.5 mg q12h	2.5 mg q12h	0.2 mg/kg q12h	0.1 mg/kg q6–8h
Oxycodone (REXICODONE, OXYCONTIN, also in PERCOCET, PERCODAN, TYLOX, others) ^g	30 mg q3–4h	Not available	5 mg q3–4h	Not available	0.2 mg/kg q3–4h ^d	Not available
Oxymorphone ^b (NUMORPHAN)	Not available	1 mg q3–4h	Not available	1 mg q3–4h	Not recommended	Not recommended
Propoxyphene (DARVON)	130 mg ^e	Not available	65 mg q4–6h ^e	Not available	Not recommended	Not recommended
Tramadol ^f (ULTRAM)	100 mg ^e	100 mg	50–100 mg q6h ^e	50–100 mg q6h ^e	Not recommended	Not recommended
Opioid Agonist–Antagonists or Partial Agonists						
Buprenorphine (BUPRENEX)	Not available	0.3–0.4 mg q6–8h	Not available	0.4 mg q6–8h	Not available	0.004 mg/kg q6–8h
Butorphanol (STADOL)	Not available	2 mg q3–4h	Not available	2 mg q3–4h	Not available	Not recommended
Nalbuphine (NUBAIN)	Not available	10 mg q3–4h	Not available	10 mg q3–4h	Not available	0.1 mg/kg q3–4h



Approval of Single Entity Extended Release Hydrocodone



ZohydroTMER
(hydrocodone bitartrate)
EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULES

10 mg • 15 mg • 20 mg • 30 mg • 40 mg • 50 mg

Manufactured by Alkermes Gainesville LLC for Zogenix, Inc. (San Diego, CA)

FDA Approval October 2013

Anticipated Launch March 2014

CURRENT RESEARCH (click one to see how you can help): [Support Bluelight by taking the 2013 Inflexion survey!](#)

Thread: Zohydro's Here: Our New Problem Child? (HOLY LORD IN HEAVEN)

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Zohydro's Here: Our New Problem Child? (HOLY LORD IN HEAVEN)

#1

bigzip44

Greenlighter



Join Date: Aug 2009

Location: Seattle

Posts: 36



18-02-2014 01:19

Zohydro ER (hydrocodone bitartrate), created by Zogenix, which also makes needle-free sumatriptan injections, is to be released next month (March). They will be releasing this drug in 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, and 50 milligram CAPSULES, which I assume will be filled with a pure hydrocodone powder, despite the 11-2 panel of experts the FDA created to vote on the approval of the drug. This drug is now in production, obviously.

I was badly addicted to OxyContin for many years and I remain on buprenorphine to this day. This "new" drug, made from the same compound that first triggered my addiction to opioids (which I found in vicodin, of course) is to be released in EXACTLY the same way careless way that OXYCONTIN was released by Purdue Pharma except in a presumably even more abusable form, a powder within a capsule. Zogenix and **Zohydro's** proponents have even gone so far as to reject claims that the new Tylenol-free formulation should be required to have a similar abuse preventative formulation that Purdue Pharma was finally forced into creating so as to continue selling their pure-formulation OxyCodone which is now, of course, the new, very unsexy OP.

Ah, now down to business. This drug is making my scrotum stir with anticipation; I cannot see a future where **Zohydro** exists where I also do not get high on it. What the fuck do you guys think about this new thing? Could this be the gnarliest opiate "epidemic" since, well, morphine? I want thoughts, information, experience, opinion, conjecture or speculation any of you professionals have on this new drug.

In my opinion, this is going to change history.

(FYI, this thread was moved from Other Drugs)

REPLY

QUOTE



#2

miscbrahh

18-02-2014 03:06

shimazu

Ex-Bluelighter

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 18,698

22-02-2014 16:02

I like hydrocodone but it always took too long for me to really enjoy vicodin. Not really a huge fan of the capsule approach either but people also produce fake Oxycodone pills so it always comes down to where youre getting them from.

Im just interested to see how hard these are pushed onto current pain patients vs how many people just stick with their regular hydro pills. Still though, any drug in an ER version that isnt abuse proof is cool in my book

REPLY

QUOTE



StealYourFace

Bluelighter

Join Date: Oct 2011

Posts: 66

25-02-2014 00:29

The good news (for us) is that it uses Spheroidal Oral Drug Absorption System. Similar to Adderall XR, you can mash up the little beads and release the goodness 😊

REPLY

QUOTE



Felonious Monk

Moderator

Drug Culture

Join Date: Nov 2013

Location: Interzone

Posts: 710

25-02-2014 00:44

Originally Posted by shimazu

are more people using opiates now on average or are there just more people period and more ways to get in trouble for it?

rhetorical question really, but I tend to think a lot of famous "eccentric" people back in the day were really just huge drug addicts

I think the consensus is that more people are using opioids nowadays, especially in the last 5 years, which is why it's starting to be recognized as a problem again. Everything I've read says that all markers of opioid use are up, and anecdotally people are seeing a lot more problems than they used to as well.

-treatment centers/prisons are seeing more upper-middle-class white males using heroin and strong opiates than they ever have before (and more of that population on MMT or bupe as well)

-opiate OD has become a major COD for middle-aged women

-heroin is stronger (in 😊 than it's ever been since the passage of the CSA (and cheaper)

Location: Boston

Posts: 825

REPLY

QUOTE



#9

StealYourFace

18-02-2014 16:40



Bluelighter

Join Date: Oct 2011

Posts: 66

Looking at the product sheet on the mfg website, it looks as if the time release system is similar to Adderall XR/ Dex Spansules with the little time release balls inside. If this is true, these would be awesome. I've never sniffed hydrocodone before for obvious reasons, but this would make it very easy.

Crosses fingers

REPLY

QUOTE



#10

Whosajiggawaaa

18-02-2014 18:09



Bluelighter



Join Date: Jul 2011

Location: Here. I grew up in a crackhouse.

Posts: 3,152

I have never tried hydrocodone only oxy and almost every other opiod. Sort of amped.

REPLY

QUOTE



#11



#19

jackie jones

20-02-2014 15:32



Bluelight Crew



Join Date: Jul 2008

Location: A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down.

Posts: 5,589

ZohydroER
(hydrocodone bitartrate)
EXTENDED-RELEASE CAPSULES

1st Oral, Extended Release Hydrocodone without Acetaminophen for Treating Chronic Pain

PDUFA Date March 1, 2013



REPLY

QUOTE



#20

Bigfanofthemdrugs

20-02-2014 20:20



Moderator

Drug Culture
Cannabis Discussion



Join Date: Mar 2012

Location: The Limbic System

Idk what you guys are tripping about, I'm stoked to get in on some of that, hydrocodone is one of my favorite opioids. It's just as euphoric as oxy IMO.

Hysingla™ ER

(hydrocodone bitartrate extended-release tablets)





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New OxyContin[®] OP



08-27-2010, 01:11 AM

#17

[mz.mary420](#)

Member



Join Date: May 2010
Location: down south
Posts: 6

well just got ours and they suck! when snorted the pill balls up in your nose and gets stuck, so i tried sucking on one and it did ok, but tastes nasty. No way you can shoot them as mentioned in a previous post. havent tried smoking it yet, kinda in a hole money wise, it cost me over \$700.00 to get my 80s filled and i probably wont even get half my money back 😞

* if anyone has tried to smoke this new formulated shit, please post! thanks



08-27-2010, 06:09 AM

#18

[mephist00](#)

Member



Join Date: Apr 2008
Location: NY
Age: 25
Posts: 628

ya my friend has tried to smoke the new ones... said its very harsh on the lungs and throat..

so far the only way ive been able to beat the time release, is use a hose clamp to grind it very fine, and snort it.. it doesnt gel up like you would think (doesnt gel up like the football shaped generic 40's do anyways) it just kinda turns snotty.. but if you can get it down fast it seems to work ok

Quote:

Originally Posted by **stalk**

I've come to the conclusion it's because these psychedelic visions are simply vibrating on a higher, or different, spectrum of frequencies that normally the monkey does not perceive.



Oxycodone 15mg/30mg Immediate Release





Opioids v. Heroin



Papaver



Somniferum

Codeine

Morphine

Thebaine

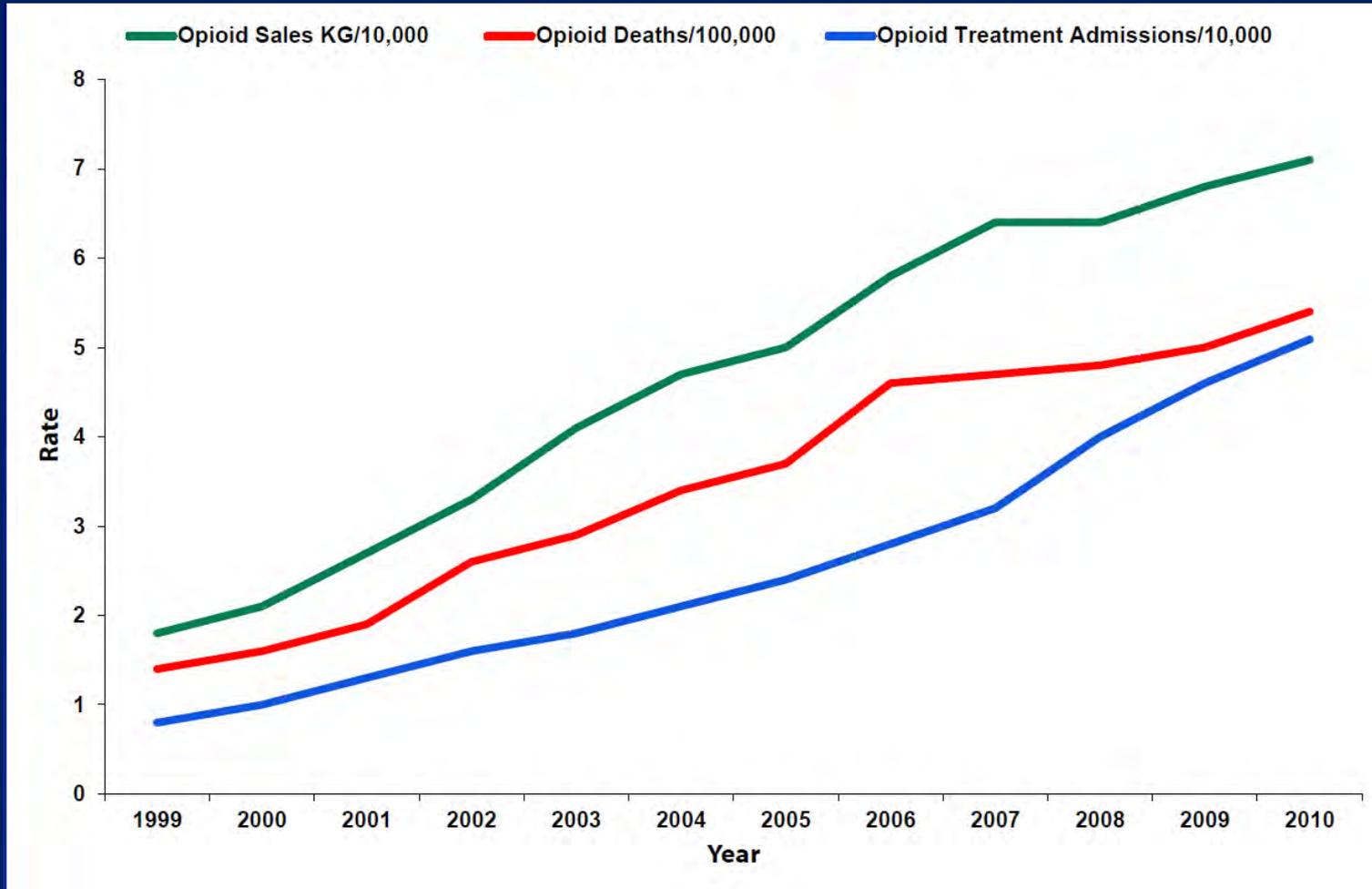
Hydrocodone

Hydromorphone

Oxycodone
Hydrocodone



U.S. Rates of Opioid Overdose Deaths, Sales, and Treatment Admissions, 1999-2010



Source: National Vital Statistics System (NVSS),
DEA's Automation of Reports and
Consolidated Orders System, SAMHSA's
Treatment Episode Data Set



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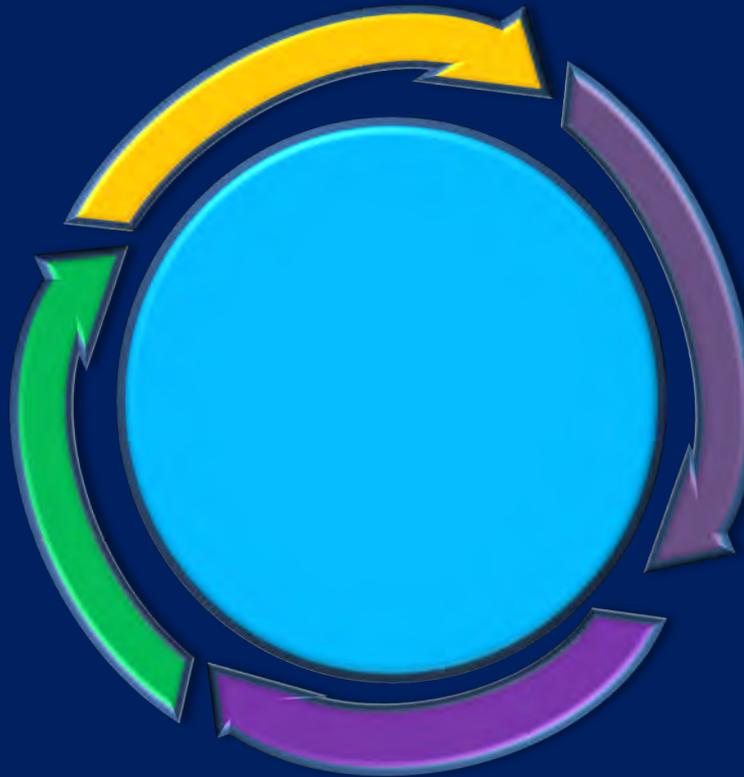
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Heroin

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LOCAL

FBI analyst busted

Heroin use spikes in area suburbs

Pill addicts risk deadly drug



Community Impact?

Heroin trafficking organizations relocating to areas where prescription drug abuse is on the rise

Heroin traffickers pave the way for increasing crime and violence

Law enforcement and prosecutors eventually fighting the problem on two fronts (prescription opiate diversion and heroin distribution) further depleting resources

Communities suffer

Post Nation

More people died from heroin overdoses in New York City last year than any year since 2003



By **Mark Berman** August 28   Follow @themarkberman

The number of people who died from unintentional heroin overdoses in New York City last year was the highest toll the city has seen in a decade, according to [data released Thursday](#) by the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

In New York, where the overall rate of drug overdose deaths has dramatically risen since 2010, there is a national problem playing out across the city's streets. The number of overdoses involving heroin in the city has significantly increased since 2010, accounting for more than half of New York City's overdoses last year. And more than three-quarters of the overdoses in the city involved an opioid of some kind.

This information comes amid a pair of national epidemics operating in tandem: A [surge in heroin usage](#) nationwide has been accompanied by a [much larger opioid epidemic](#), with drugs such as oxycodone and

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One Pill can Kill



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By Jonathan J. Lipman, PhD

THE METHADONE POISONING "Epidemic"

Increasing use of Methadone as a pain killer may be fueling a disturbing increase in deaths related to this potent drug.

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Death and morbidity associated with methadone treatment has increased dramatically in recent years, largely in the population prescribed this drug for pain control rather than addiction maintenance. Inadvertent overdose is becoming increasingly common, likely in part because the drug's acute pain-relieving effect lasts only 4 to 6 hours, yet it has a very long and variable plasma half-life of 24 to 36 (in some studies 15 to 55) hours, is stored in body tissues, and toxic accumulation occurs with too-frequent consumption. Adverse effects are most common in patients treated with methadone in combination with other drugs. Both cardiac and respiratory systems are vulnerable targets for the drug's toxic actions, and other co-administered drugs can interactively increase the risk of death through a variety of mechanisms including direct central nervous system depression of respiration, idiosyncratic respiratory vulnerabilities, and lethal cardiac arrhythmias. Idiosyncratic factors also play a part in methadone's cardiac toxicity, and risk factors are well characterized, though perhaps not sufficiently widely known and understood by key stakeholders. The recent change in FDA labeling requirements for the drug—and the November 2006 posting of a government warning regarding its use in pain treatment—has not yet reduced morbidity and mortality associated with methadone as reported in the MedWatch database for the first quarter of 2007.





Methods of Diversion

➤ Practitioners / Pharmacists

- Illegal distribution
- Self abuse
- Trading drugs for sex

➤ Employee pilferage

- Hospitals
- Practitioners' offices
- Nursing homes
- Retail pharmacies
- Manufacturing / distribution facilities

➤ Pharmacy / Other Theft

- Armed robbery
- Burglary (Night Break-ins)
- In Transit Loss (Hijacking)
- Smurfing

➤ Patients / Drug Seekers

- Drug rings
- Doctor-shopping
- Forged / fraudulent / altered prescriptions

➤ The medicine cabinet / obituaries

➤ The Internet

➤ Pain Clinics



Where are the Pharmaceuticals Coming From?

- Friends and Family for Free
- Medicine Cabinet
- Doctor Shopping
- Internet
- Pain Clinics



Prescription Fraud

➤ Fake prescriptions

- Highly organized
- Use real physician name and DEA Registrant Number
 - Contact Information false or “fake office”
 - (change locations often to avoid detection)
- Prescription printing services utilized
 - Not required to ask questions or verify information printed

➤ Stolen prescriptions

- Forged
- “Smurfed” to a large number of different pharmacies



Criminal Activity



Doctor Shopping



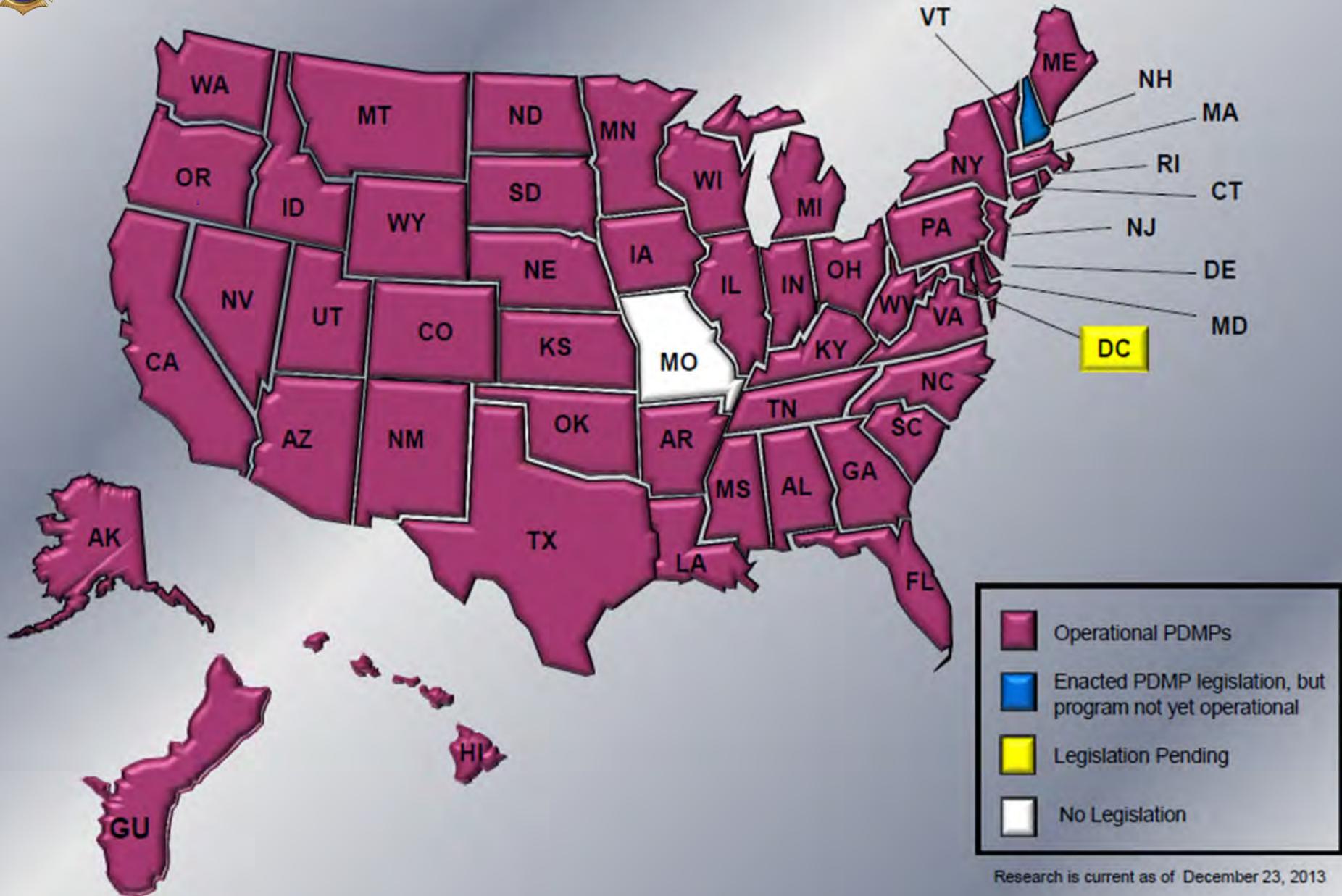


Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs



Status of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)

* To view PDMP Contact information, hover the mouse pointer over the state abbreviation



Research is current as of December 23, 2013



Mandatory PDMP review before prescribing CS?



Pharmacist access to PDMP



Standard of Care



National Association of Boards of Pharmacy



Diversion via the Internet



New Felony Offense Internet Trafficking - 10/15/2008

- 21 USC 841(h)(1): It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally:
 - (A) deliver, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance by means of the Internet, except as authorized by this title; or
 - (B) aid or abet any violation in (A)

What has been the reaction????



Per Se Violations

Automatic Violation of the CSA if any of the following occurs:

- No in-person medical evaluation by prescribing practitioner
- Online pharmacy not properly registered with modified registration.
- Website fails to display required information



Current CSA Registrant Population

Total Population: 1,522,913

➤ Practitioner	-	1,177,306
➤ Mid-Level Practitioner	-	246,443
➤ Pharmacy	-	69,794
➤ Hospital/Clinic	-	16,045
➤ Teaching Institution	-	312
➤ Manufacturer	-	543
➤ Distributor	-	839
➤ Researcher	-	7,336
➤ Analytical Labs	-	1,524
➤ NTP	-	1,365
➤ Importer/Exporter	-	476
➤ ADS Machine	-	755
➤ Chemicals	-	1,005



SOOOO...How many have applied for registration for Internet Pharmacy Operations?????

43 applications filed

23 withdrawn

7 applications filed in error

12 pending

NONE APPROVED



What took the place of Internet Medical Care and Internet CS pharmaceutical Distribution?

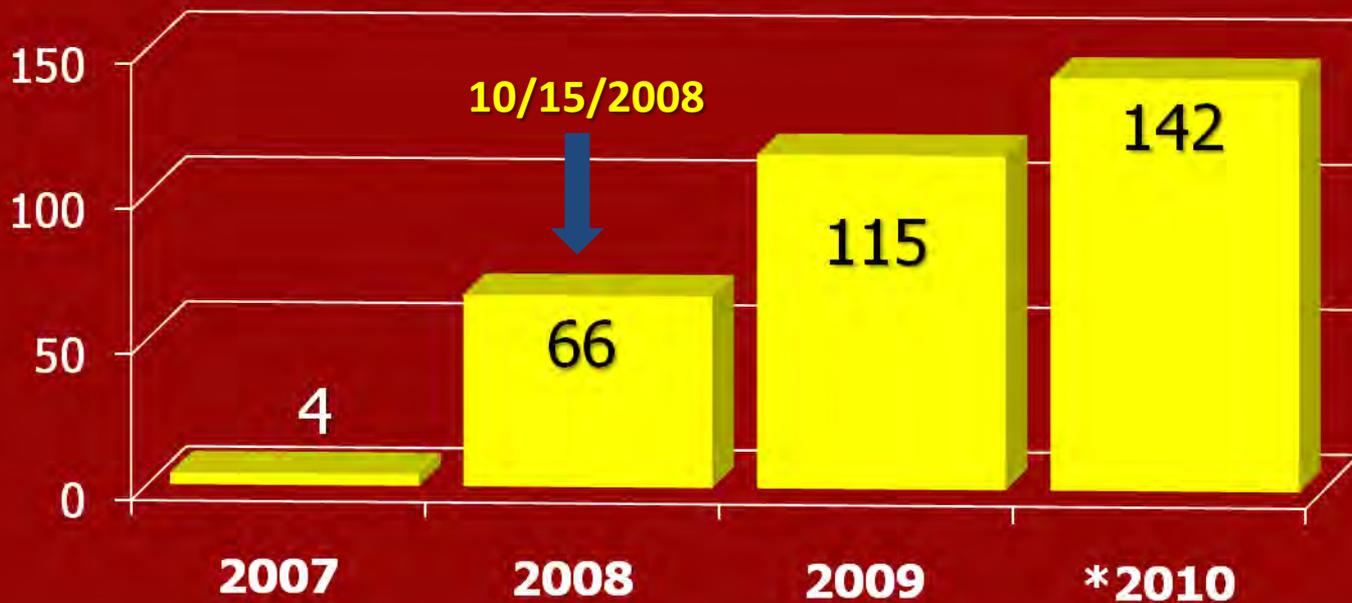


Pain Clinics



Explosion of South Florida Pain Clinics

Estimated Number of Broward County Pain Clinics



As of June 4, 2010, Florida has received 1,118 applications and has approved 1026

*As of May 14, 2010, Broward 142; Miami-Dade 79; Palm Beach 111



Medical Care ?

- Many of these clinics are prescription/dispensing mills
- Minimal practitioner/patient interaction



Increased Law Enforcement Pressure

- Clinics migrating north and west
- Funded by owners in Florida



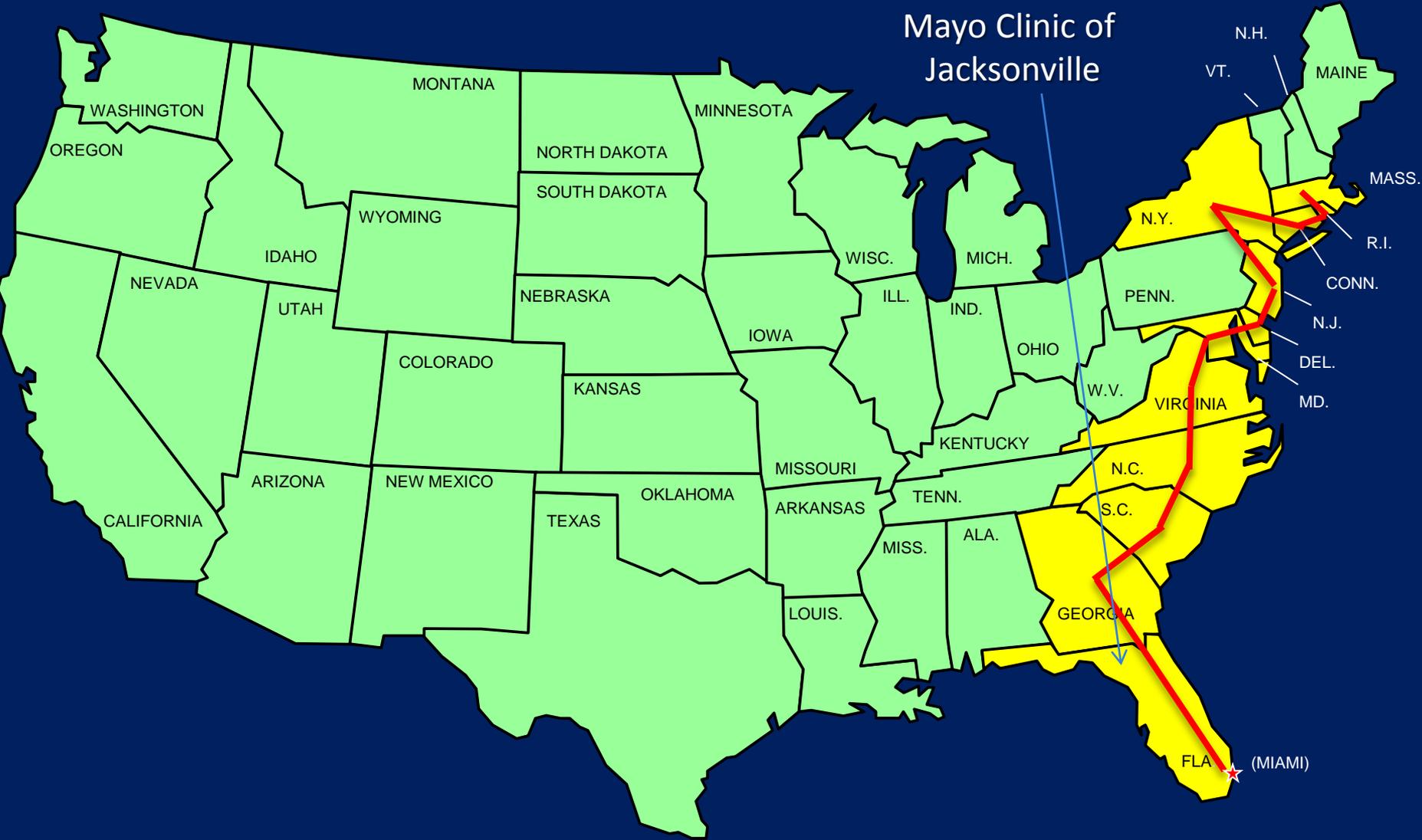
'The Florida Migration'

- Vast majority of 'patients' visiting Florida "pain clinics" come from out-of-state:
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 - Kentucky
 - Tennessee
 - Ohio
 - Massachusetts
 - New Jersey
 - North and South Carolina
 - Virginia
 - West Virginia



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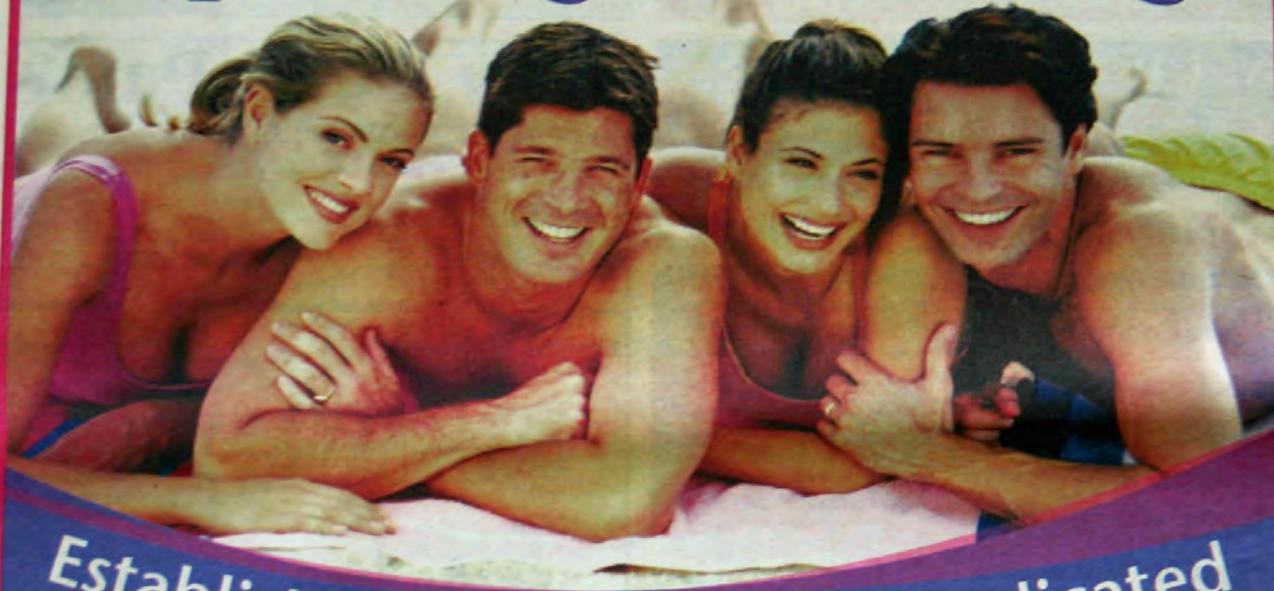
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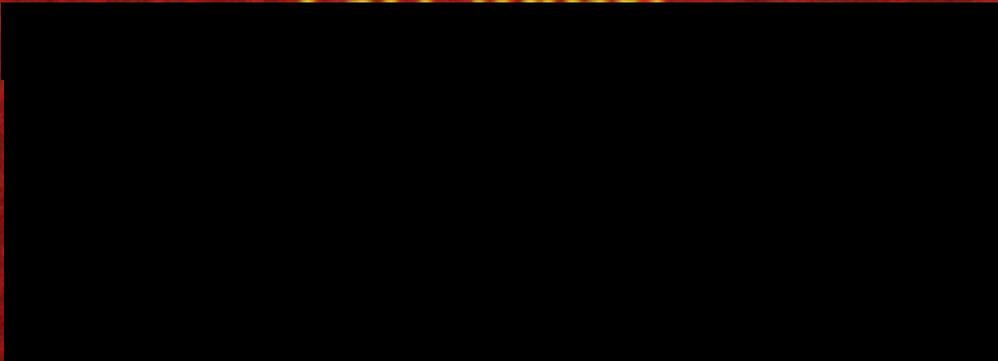
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Drugs Prescribed

- A 'cocktail' of oxycodone and alprazolam (Xanax[®])
- An average 'patient' receives prescriptions or medications in combination

Schedule II	Schedule III	Schedule IV
Oxycodone 15mg, 30mg	Vicodin (Hydrocodone)	Xanax (Alprazolam)
Roxicodone 15mg, 30mg	Lorcet	Valium (Diazepam)
Percocet	Lortab	
Percodan	Tylenol #3 (codeine)	
Demerol	Tylenol #4 (codeine)	
Methadone		



Average Charges for a Clinic Visit

- Price varies if medication is dispensed or if customers receive prescriptions
- Some clinics advertise in alternative newspapers citing discounts for new patients such as 'buy one get one free' or "50% off with this ad"
- Typically, initial office visit is \$250 or more; each subsequent visit may exceed \$200
- Prescriptions average 120-180 30mg oxycodone tablets per visit



Cost of Drugs

- According to medical experts, most clinics do not require sufficient medical history and tests for proper prescribing of Schedule II substances
- Oxycodone 30mg immediate release tablets cost approximately \$30.00 to \$40.00 per tablet on the street depending on the sale location in the U.S. (\$1 per mg or more)



State of Florida Legislative Actions

➤ **Effective October 1, 2010**

- **Pain clinics are banned from advertising that they sell narcotics**
- **They can only dispense 72-hour supply of narcotics**
- **Prohibits the registration of pain clinics unless they are owned by physicians or licensed by non-physicians as a health care clinic**

➤ **Effective July 1, 2011**

- **Clinics must turn over their supply of C-II and C-III controlled substances**
- **Clinics are no longer able to dispense these drugs**
- **Clinics cannot have ANY affiliation with a doctor that has lost a DEA number**



Reaction

- Shift from dispensing physicians to prescribing physicians
- New pharmacy applications in Florida increased dramatically in 2010



Clinic response to the Florida legislation
prohibiting the sale of CS from pain
clinics?

Buy Pharmacies!



Who is Applying?

- An individual who is tied to Organized Crime
- An individual who works at Boston Market
- An individual whose father owns a pain clinic
- An individual whose mother works at a pain clinic
- An individual whose father is a doctor at a pain clinic
- An individual who is a bartender/exotic dancer
- An individual who is a truck driver
- An individual who is retired from the dry wall business
- An individual who is a secretary at a pain clinic
- An individual who runs a lawn care business



National Association of Chain Drug Store Response

Patient Advocate, Healthcare Groups Urge Congress to Address Prescription Drug Diversion and Abuse

November 16, 2012

Alexandria, Va. – The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) joined pain care advocacy and other healthcare organizations in urging Members of Congress to help address the problem of prescription drug diversion and abuse.

In a letter to the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, U.S. Judiciary Committee, U.S. House Committee on Judiciary and the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, the organizations urged Congress to create a commission or advisory group to bring together all government agency stakeholders to address the problem.

The groups wrote, “[We] are committed to partnering with law enforcement agencies, policymakers, and others to work on viable strategies to solve the problems of prescription drug diversion and abuse. Although numerous groups and state and federal entities are working to reduce these problems, success remains difficult to achieve. One challenge is that many of these groups and entities are not working in a coordinated manner.”

The letter emphasized the importance of reducing prescription drug diversion and abuse without negatively impacting legitimate patient access and care.

“While appropriate policies must empower law enforcement officials to act aggressively against individuals and entities actually engaging in diversion or abuse, diversion/abuse control actions must be balanced against the needs of healthcare providers to provide care to legitimate patients. We must ensure that legitimate patients receive critical medicines without interruption,” the groups stated in the letter.

In addition to NACDS, the following organizations signed the letter: American Academy of Pain Management (AAPM); American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN); Center for Practical Bioethics; Inflexxion, Inc.; International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA); National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration in Long Term Care (NADONA/LTC); National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association; *Pain Treatment Topics*; Purdue Pharma L.P.; U.S. Pain Foundation, Virginia Cancer Pain Initiative Inc.

These groups are committed to ensuring patient access to medications they need to help manage their pain, ranging from a variety of health-related issues and diseases. This letter to Congress further stresses the need to find a solution for this problem – and to do so expeditiously.

“Due to the urgent nature of the problems associated with prescription drug diversion and abuse, the advisory group’s recommendations should be provided to Congress within one year of its creation or enactment,” the groups concluded in the letter.



The Controlled Substances Act

21 United States Code

21 USC 801

Congressional Findings and declarations: Controlled Substances

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U.S. is party to international conventions designed to establish effective controls over CS trafficking

21 USC 802

Definitions

Probably the most important section of the Controlled Substances Act (“CSA”) and also the least read and understood

Provides definitions of words and terms used in the statutory construction of the CSA that will give the reader a better understanding of the true meaning of sections and provisions within of the CSA



CSA Registrant Population

Current Number of
DEA Registrants.....

1,523,712

March 20, 2014

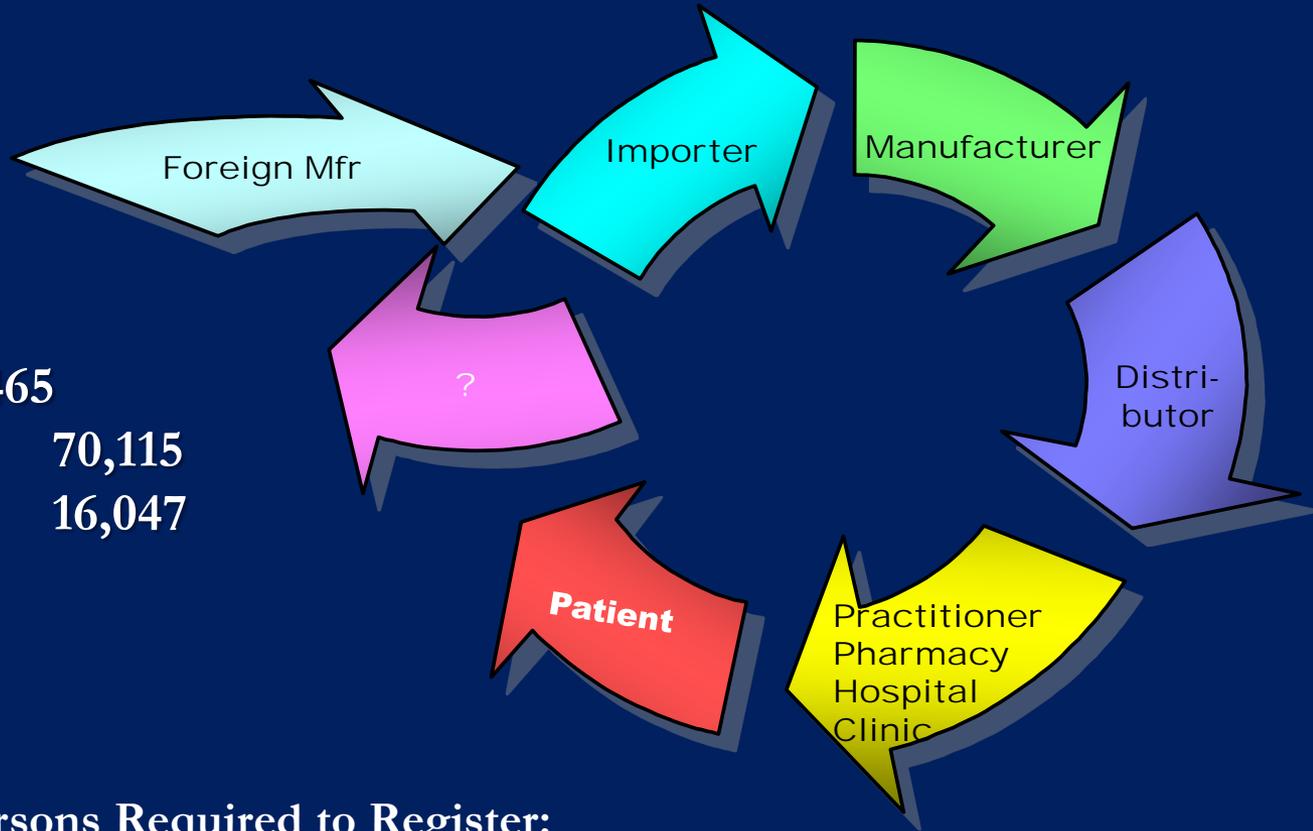
480,000

1973

Provisional registrations in effect at the
time CSA was passed (relative to the
Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914)



Closed System of Distribution



1,532,161 (06/04/2014)

Practitioners: 1,182,465

Retail Pharmacies: 70,115

Hospital/Clinics: 16,047

Law: 21 USC 822 (a) (1) Persons Required to Register:

“Every person who manufactures or distributes any Controlled Substance or List I Chemical or who proposes to engage in ..”

Law: 21 USC 822 (a) (2) Persons Required to Register:

“Every person who dispenses, or who proposes to dispense any controlled substance ...”



Closed System of Distribution





Cutting off the Source of Supply





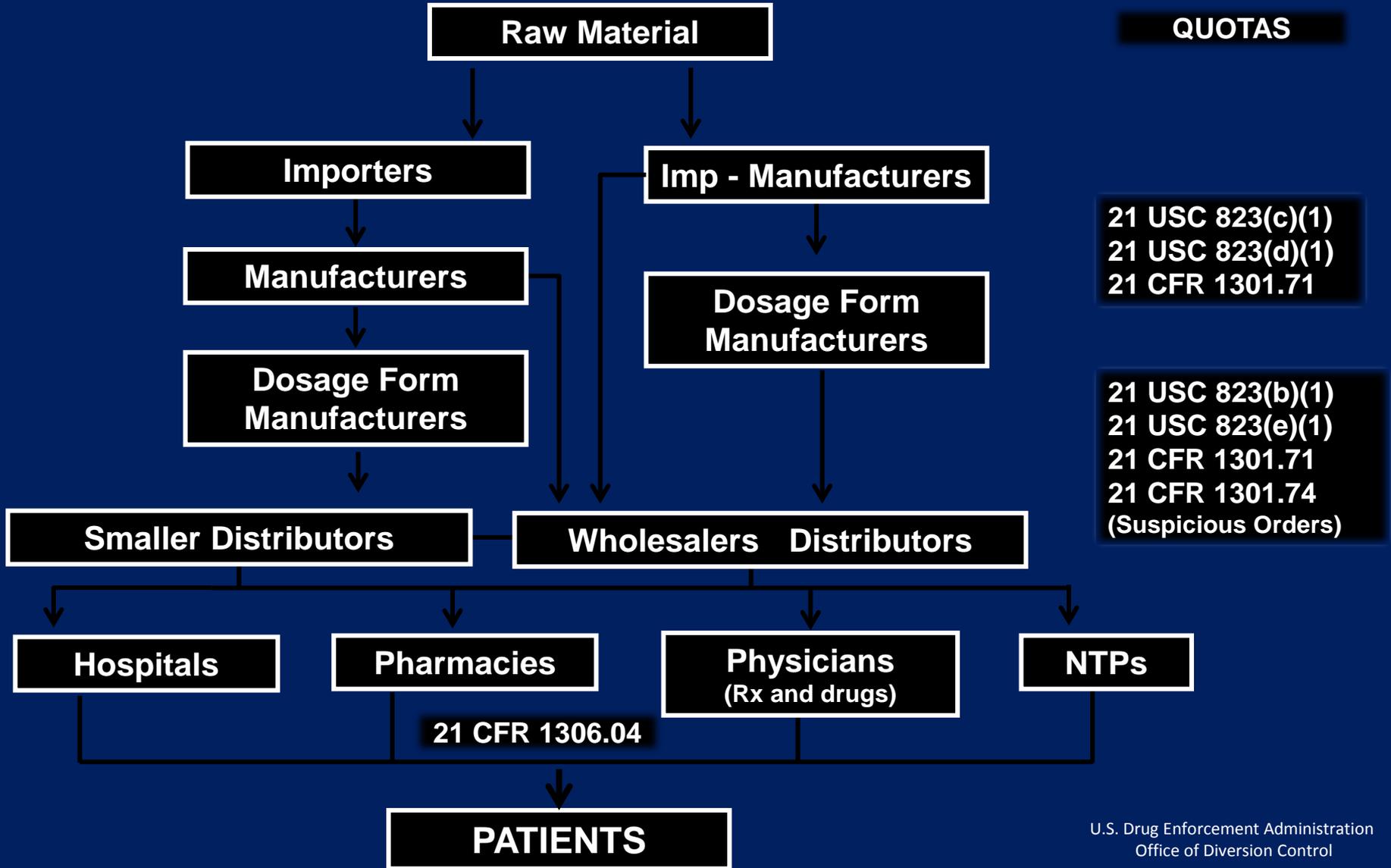
The Controlled Substances Act

Checks and Balances





The Flow of Pharmaceuticals





Diversion via the Internet



Domestic 'Rx' Flow

1. Consumer in Montana orders hydrocodone on the Internet

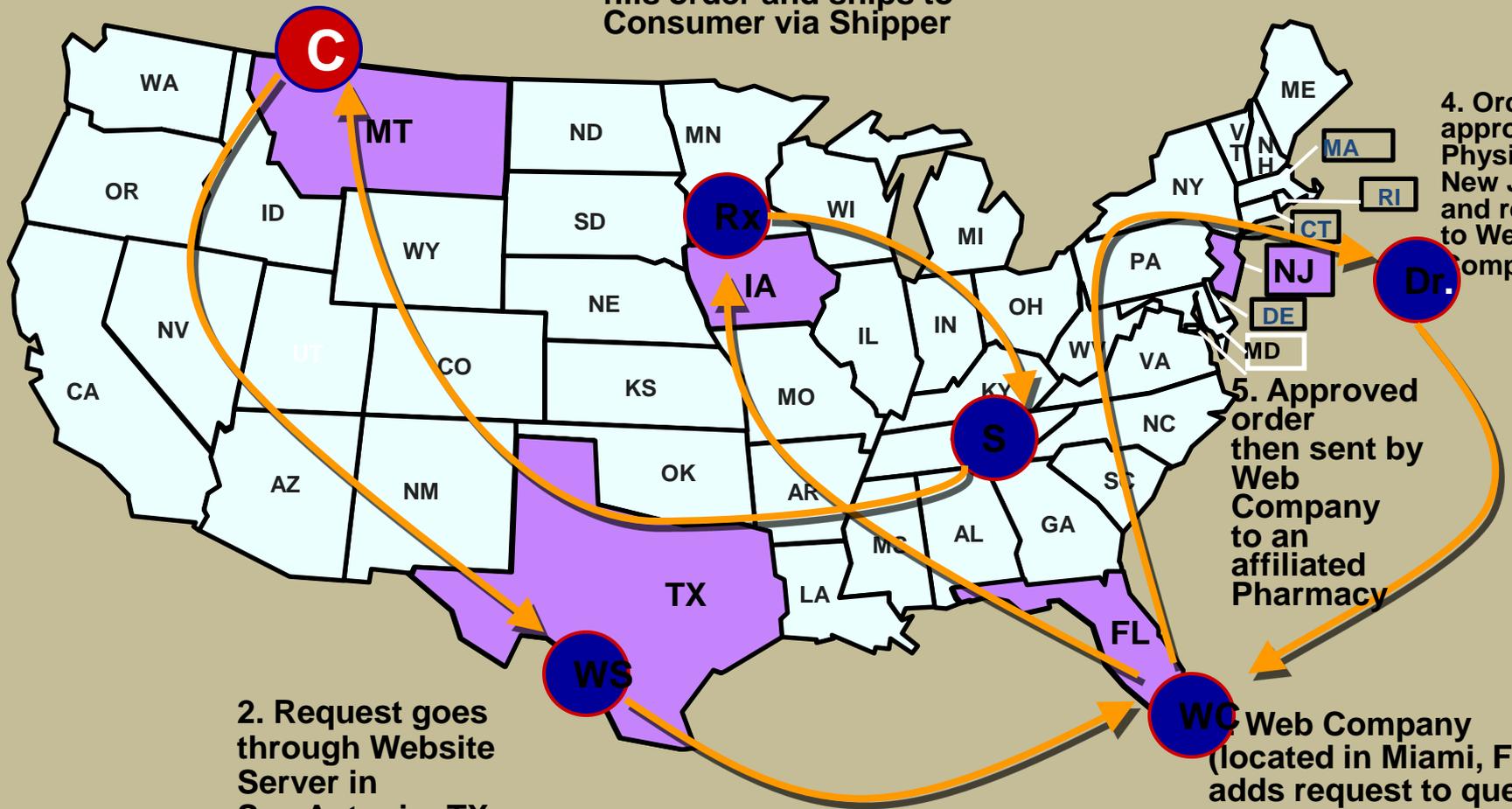
6. Pharmacy in Iowa fills order and ships to Consumer via Shipper

4. Order is approved by Physician in New Jersey and returned to Web Company

5. Approved order then sent by Web Company to an affiliated Pharmacy

2. Request goes through Website Server in San Antonio, TX

3. Web Company (located in Miami, FL) adds request to queue for Physician approval





Purchases of hydrocodone by Known and Suspected Rogue Internet Pharmacies January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

1		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33614	15,596,380
2		Pinellas	CLEARWATER	FLORIDA	33765	9,077,810
3		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33614	8,760,876
4		Baltimore City	BALTIMORE	MARYLAND	21213	5,876,300
5		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33619	5,718,200
6		Jefferson	RIVER RIDGE	LOUISIANA	70123	4,892,900
7		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33634	4,733,290
8		Polk	LAKELAND	FLORIDA	33813	4,564,480
9		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33612	4,220,840
10		Pinellas	CLEARWATER	FLORIDA	33759	3,819,320
11		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33610	3,044,160
12				FLORIDA	33809	3,039,490
13					70123	2,750,000
14					34652	2,664,120
15					33613	1,902,900
16				FLORIDA	33801	1,726,020
17		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33612	1,619,765
18		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33604	1,570,350
19		Pinellas	TARPON SPRINGS	FLORIDA	34689	1,464,900
20		Lincoln	DENVER	NORTH CAROLINA	28037	1,402,450
21		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33617	1,282,800
22		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33619	1,272,860
23		Polk	LAKELAND	FLORIDA	33813	1,039,400
24		Pasco	WESLEY CHAPEL	FLORIDA	33543	1,030,050
25		Iredell	MOORESVILLE	NORTH CAROLINA	28117	902,500
26		Polk	LAKELAND	FLORIDA	33815	867,800
27		Broward	HOLLYWOOD	FLORIDA	33021	865,700
28		Los Angeles	ENCINO	CALIFORNIA	91436	798,100
29		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33604	793,350
30		Pasco	NEW PORT RICHEY	FLORIDA	34652	583,400
31		Ravalli	FLORENCE	MONTANA	59833	362,000
32		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33619	162,000
33		Broward	DEERFIELD BEACH	FLORIDA	33441	112,600
34		Hillsborough	TAMPA	FLORIDA	33614	49,600
						2,899,021

98,566,711



Checks and Balances of the CSA and the Regulatory Scheme

➤ Distributors of controlled substances

“The registrant shall design and operate a system to disclose to the registrant suspicious orders of controlled substances...Suspicious orders include orders of unusual size, orders deviating substantially from a normal pattern, and orders of unusual frequency.” (21 CFR § 1301.74)

DEA Distributor Initiative

- **Purpose and format:**
- **Educate and inform distributors/manufacturers of their due diligence responsibilities under the CSA by discussing their Suspicious Order Monitoring System, reviewing their ARCOS data for sales and purchases of Schedules II and III controlled substances, and discussing national trends involving the abuse of prescription controlled substances**
- **August 2005 – Present:**

Briefings to 83 firms with 276 locations

Examples of civil action against distributors:

Cardinal Health , \$34 million civil fine

McKesson, \$13.25 million civil fine

Harvard, \$6 million civil fine

Examples of suspension, surrender or revocation of DEA registration

Keysource, loss of DEA registration

Sunrise, loss of DEA registration



Checks and Balances Under the CSA

- Practitioners

“A prescription for a controlled substance to be effective must be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of professional practice.” (21 CFR § 1306.04(a))

United States v Moore 423 US 122 (1975)



The Controlled Substances Act Illegal Distribution

21 U.S.C. § 841 (a) Unlawful acts:

Except as authorized by this subchapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally

(1) to manufacture, distribute or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute or dispense, a controlled substance; or



US v. Moore 423 US 122 (1975)

Perfunctory initial physical exam...return visits no exam

Physical exam included needle mark checks...some were simulated

Patient received quantity of drugs requested...were charged based on quantity

Unsupervised urinalysis – results did not matter

Accurate records not kept – quantity dispensed not recorded

Practitioner not authorized to conduct methadone maintenance;

Patient directed prescribing;



US v. Rosen 582 F.2d 1032 (5th Cir. 1978)

Rosen was a 68 yo physician who had a practice that was focused on obesity. He dispensed large quantities of stimulants to undercover officers outside the scope and not for a legitimate purpose.

The 5th circuit had to address whether the medication was dispensed “for a legitimate medical purpose and in the course of the doctors professional practice.” In its analysis, the court stated, “We are however, able to glean from reported cases, certain recurring concomitance of condemned behavior, examples of which include the following:

An inordinately large quantity of controlled substances prescribed

Large numbers of prescription were issued

No physical exam given

The physician warned the patient to fill prescriptions at different drug stores



Rosen Factors (Red Flags)

The physician issued prescriptions to a patient known to be delivering the drugs to others

The physician prescribed controlled drugs at intervals inconsistent with legitimate medical treatment

The physician involved used street slang rather than medical terminology for the drugs prescribed

There was no logical relationship between the drug prescribed and treatment of the condition allegedly existing

The physician wrote more than one prescription on occasions in order to spread them out



Other Factors (not all-inclusive)

Patients receiving the same combination of prescriptions; cocktail

Patients receiving the same strength of controlled substances; no individualized dosing: multiple prescriptions for the strongest dose

Majority of patients paying cash for their prescriptions

Patient asking for drugs in street slang

Patient directed prescribing

Early refills

No specialized training in pain management;

Individuals driving long distances to visit physicians and/or to fill prescriptions

No records/patient contracts/ urinalysis



Pharmacists have a responsibility to protect patients, as well as the public, from the abuse, misuse and diversion of prescription drugs.

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Checks and Balances Under the CSA

Pharmacists – The Last Line of Defense

“The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription.”

(21 CFR § 1306.04(a))

U.S. v. Hayes 595 F. 2d 258 (5th Cir 1979)

U.S. v. Leal 75 F. 3d 219 (6th Cir 1996)

U.S. v. Birbragher 603 F. 3d 478 (8th Cir 2010)

East Main Street Pharmacy 75 Fed. Reg. 66149 (Oct. 27, 2010)



Checks and Balances Under the CSA

Pharmacists – The Last Line of Defense

“An order purporting to be a prescription issued not in the course of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized research is not a prescription within the meaning and intent of section 309 of the act (21 USC 829) and the person knowingly filling such a purported prescription, as well as the person issuing it, shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of the provisions of law relating to controlled substances.” (21 CFR § 1306.04(a))

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The Last Line of Defense



Corresponding Responsibility

When prescriptions are clearly not issued for legitimate medical purposes, a pharmacist may not intentionally close his eyes and thereby avoid [actual] knowledge of the real purpose of the prescriptions.

(Ralph J. Bertolino, 55 FR 4729, 4730 (1990)),



Corresponding Responsibility Cases

East Main Street Pharmacy; Affirmance of Suspension Order

[Federal Register (Volume 75, Number 207) October 27, 2010
pages 66149-66165] ; see also Paul H. Volkman 73 FR 30630, 30642 (2008)

Holiday CVS, L.L.C, d/b/a CVS/Pharmacy Nos. 219 and 5195; Decision and order

[Federal Register Volume 77, Number 198 (Friday October 12, 2012) pages 62315-62346]



Potential Red Flags

Many customers receiving the same combination of prescriptions; cocktail

Many customers receiving the same strength of controlled substances; no individualized dosing: multiple prescriptions for the strongest dose

Many customers paying cash for their prescriptions

Early refills

Many customers with the same diagnosis codes written on their prescriptions;

Individuals driving long distances to visit physicians and/or to fill prescriptions;



Potential Red Flags continued

Customers coming into the pharmacy in groups, each with the same prescriptions issued by the same physician; and

Customers with prescriptions for controlled substances written by physicians not associated with pain management (i.e., pediatricians, gynecologists, ophthalmologists, etc.).

Overwhelming proportion of prescriptions filled by pharmacy are controlled substances

Pharmacist did not reach out to other pharmacists to determine why they were not filling a particular doctor's prescription

Verification of legitimacy not satisfied by a call to the doctors office



Red Flag?

What happens next?

You attempt to resolve...



Resolution is comprised of many factors

- Verification of a valid practitioner DEA number is required! It is not, however, the end of the pharmacist's duty. Invalid DEA number = Invalid RX
- Resolution cannot be based solely on patient ID and prescriber verification.
- You must use your professional judgment, training and experience...we all make mistakes
- Knowledge and history with the patient
- Circumstances of prescription presentation
- Experience with the prescribing practitioner
- It does not require a call to the practitioner for every CS RX
- This is not an all-inclusive list...



Who do I call to report a practitioner?

- State Board of Pharmacy/Medicine/Nursing/Dental
- State/County/Local Police
- DEA local office and Tactical Diversion Squad
- Health department
- HHS OIG if Medicare/Medicaid fraud



Practical Application of the Controlled Substances Act to the Current Rogue Pain Clinic Situation



Are you involved in prescribing or dispensing in violation of the CSA?

What happens next?



DEA Legal Recourse

➤ Administrative

Immediate Suspension Order (ISO)
Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
Order to Show Cause (OTSC)

➤ Civil

Fines

➤ Criminal

Tactical Diversion Squads





How Do You Lose Your Registration?

The Order to Show Cause Process

21 USC § 824

- a) Grounds –
 1. Falsification of Application
 2. Felony Conviction
 3. State License or Registration suspended, revoked or denied – no longer authorized by State law
 4. Inconsistent with Public Interest
 5. Excluded from participation in Title 42 USC § 1320a-7(a) program

- b) AG discretion, may suspend any registration simultaneously with Order to Show Cause upon a finding of Imminent Danger to Public Health and Safety



**What can happen when these
checks and balances collapse
and diversion occurs?**



Purchases of Oxycodone 30mg

- In 2009, 44% of all oxycodone 30mg products were distributed to Florida
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Drug Dealers Masquerading as Doctors

Paul Volkman, Chicago Doctor, Gets 4 Life Terms In Drug Overdose Case



ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS 02/14/12 06:45 PM ET Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A Chicago doctor who prosecutors say dispensed more of the powerful painkiller oxycodone from 2003 to 2005 than any other physician in the country was sentenced Tuesday to four life terms in the overdose deaths of four patients.

Dr. Paul Volkman made weekly trips from Chicago to three locations in Portsmouth in southern Ohio and one in Chillicothe in central Ohio before federal investigators shut down the operations in 2006, prosecutors said. He was sentenced in federal court in Cincinnati.

"This criminal conduct had devastating consequences to the community Volkman was supposed to serve," Assistant U.S. Attorneys Adam Wright and Tim Oakley said in a court filing ahead of Tuesday's hearing.

"Volkman's actions created and prolonged debilitating addictions; distributed countless drugs to be sold on the street; and took the lives of numerous individuals who died just days after visiting him," they said.

The 64-year-old Volkman fired his attorneys earlier this month and said he acted at all times as a doctor, not a drug dealer.

"The typical drug dealer does not care how much drugs a client buys, how often he buys, or what he does with his drugs," Volkman said in a 28-page handwritten court filing Monday, maintaining that he did all those things and more for his patients.



The Last Line of Defense





Why is this happening?



What's the Profit?



- May 20, 2010, Tampa, Florida
owner/operator of pain clinic dispensing
oxycodone
- **\$5,822,604.00** cash seized



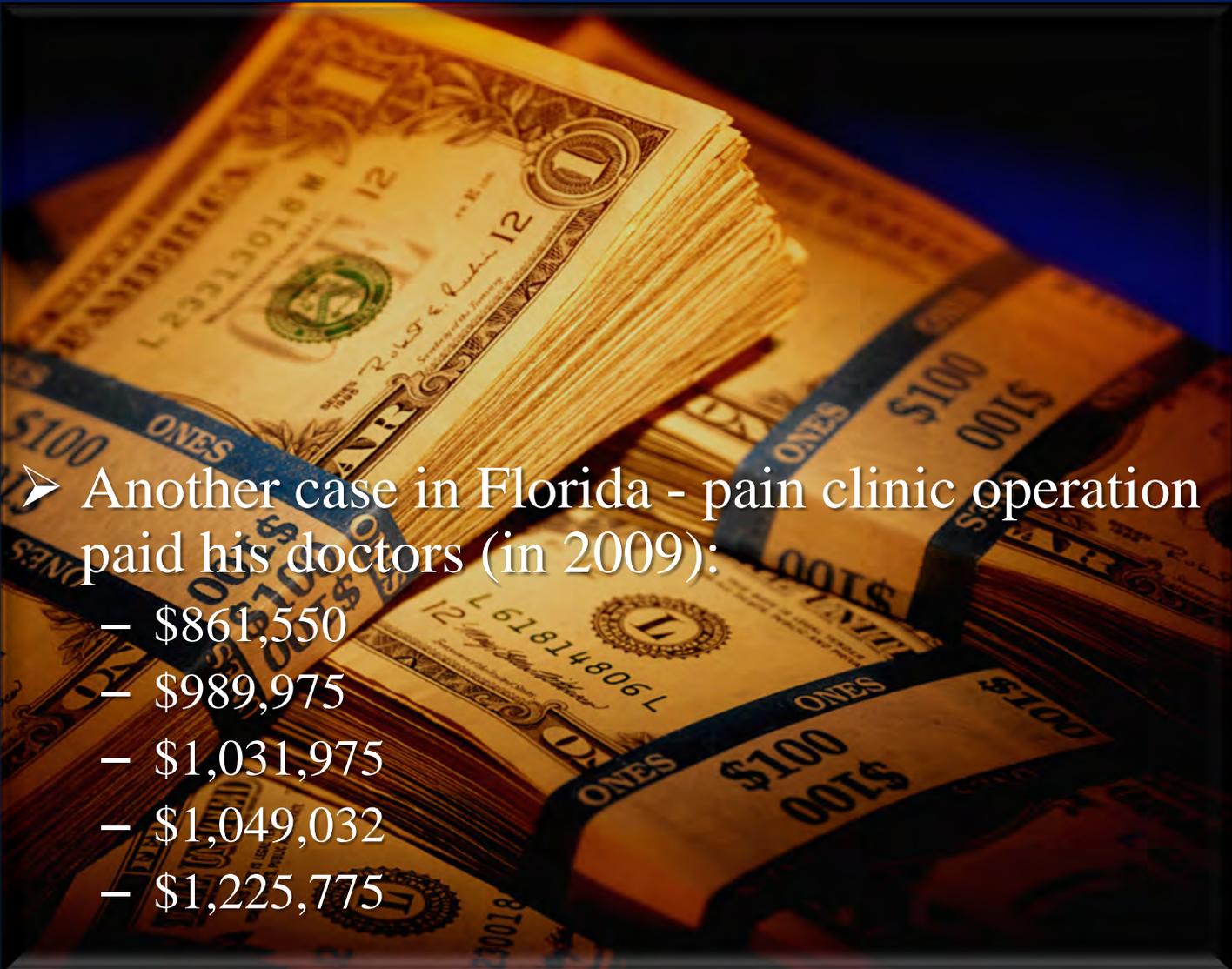
What's the Profit?



- One case in Florida owner/operator of pain clinic allegedly generated \$40 million in drug proceeds
- Houston investigation \$41.5 million in assets



What's the Profit?

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- A photograph of several stacks of US one hundred dollar bills, fanned out and overlapping. The bills are yellow and feature the portrait of Benjamin Franklin. The stacks are bound with blue rubber bands. The background is a dark blue gradient.
- Another case in Florida - pain clinic operation paid his doctors (in 2009):
 - \$861,550
 - \$989,975
 - \$1,031,975
 - \$1,049,032
 - \$1,225,775



Florida Pain Clinic Raid

NEWS / U.S. NEWS

19 Manatees Rescued From Storm Drain in Satellite Beach, Florida



Crews Battle to Free Manatees From Drainage Pipe



NBC NEWS

A group of 19 manatees was freed after being trapped in a 36-inch storm drain, officials said early Tuesday.

www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/19-manatees-rescued-storm-drain-satellite-beach-florida-n311506,



Questions



Thank You!