



DEA Trends & Update

Buffalo, NY Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference

November 9-10, 2016



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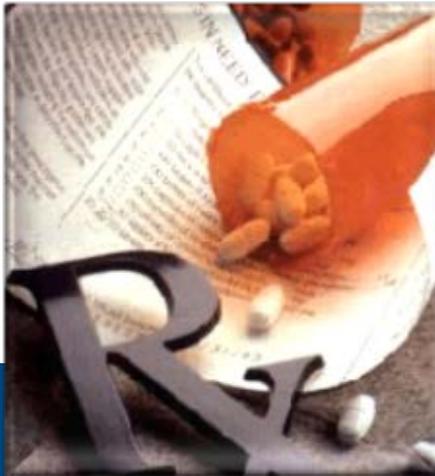


Goals and Objectives

- Public Health Epidemic
- Impact on Society
- Drugs of Abuse
- Criminal Activity
- The Controlled Substances Act: Checks & Balances
- Legal obligations: DEA registrant
- The DEA Response
- Disposal



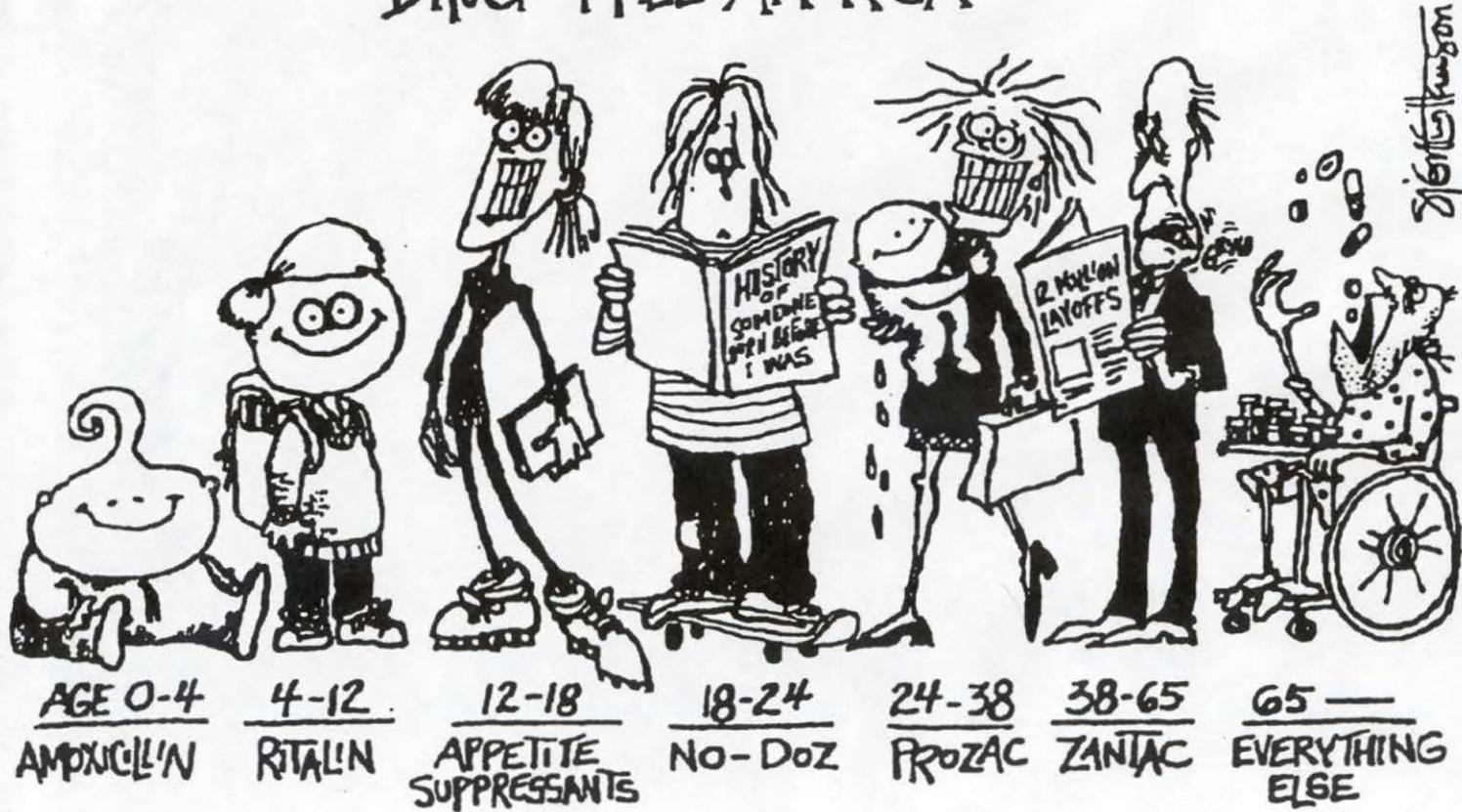
Public Health Epidemic





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EVERYTHING
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NEWS

COPS: PHOTOS OF BOY WITH PASSED-OUT ADULTS SHOW DRUG SCOURGE

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Police in East Liverpool, Ohio released these images they say to illustrate the impact of the heroin and painkiller epidemic. (City of East Liverpool, Ohio/Facebook)



“Primum non nocere”
First do no Harm



On an average Day in the U.S.:



- More than **650,000 opioid prescriptions** dispensed₁
- **3,900 people** initiate nonmedical use of prescription opioids₂
- **580 people** initiate heroin use₂

1. **Source:** IMS Health National Prescription Audit₁
2. SAMHSA National Survey on Drug Use and Health₂
3. CDC National Vital Statistics System₃



Public Health Epidemic

2000-2014:

Unintentional drug overdose deaths in the US increased 137%, which was a 200% increase in overdose deaths involving opioids.

500,000 deaths due to prescription overdose

2014:

Over **47,000** drug-related overdose deaths

129 deaths every 24 hours

46 deaths by end of today's PDAC

1 death every 11.16 minutes

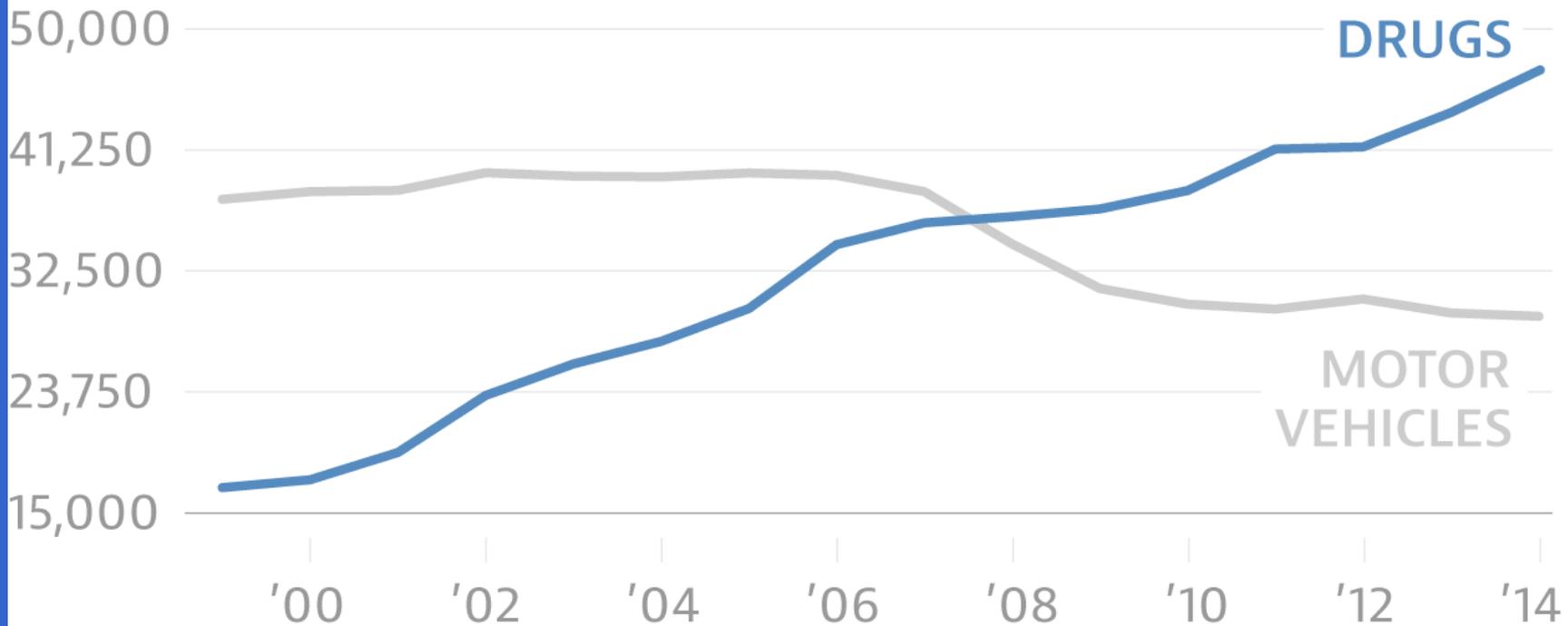
28,647 deaths involved opioids, including heroin (**78**)

19,000 deaths involved prescription opioid (**52**)



2014 Comparison

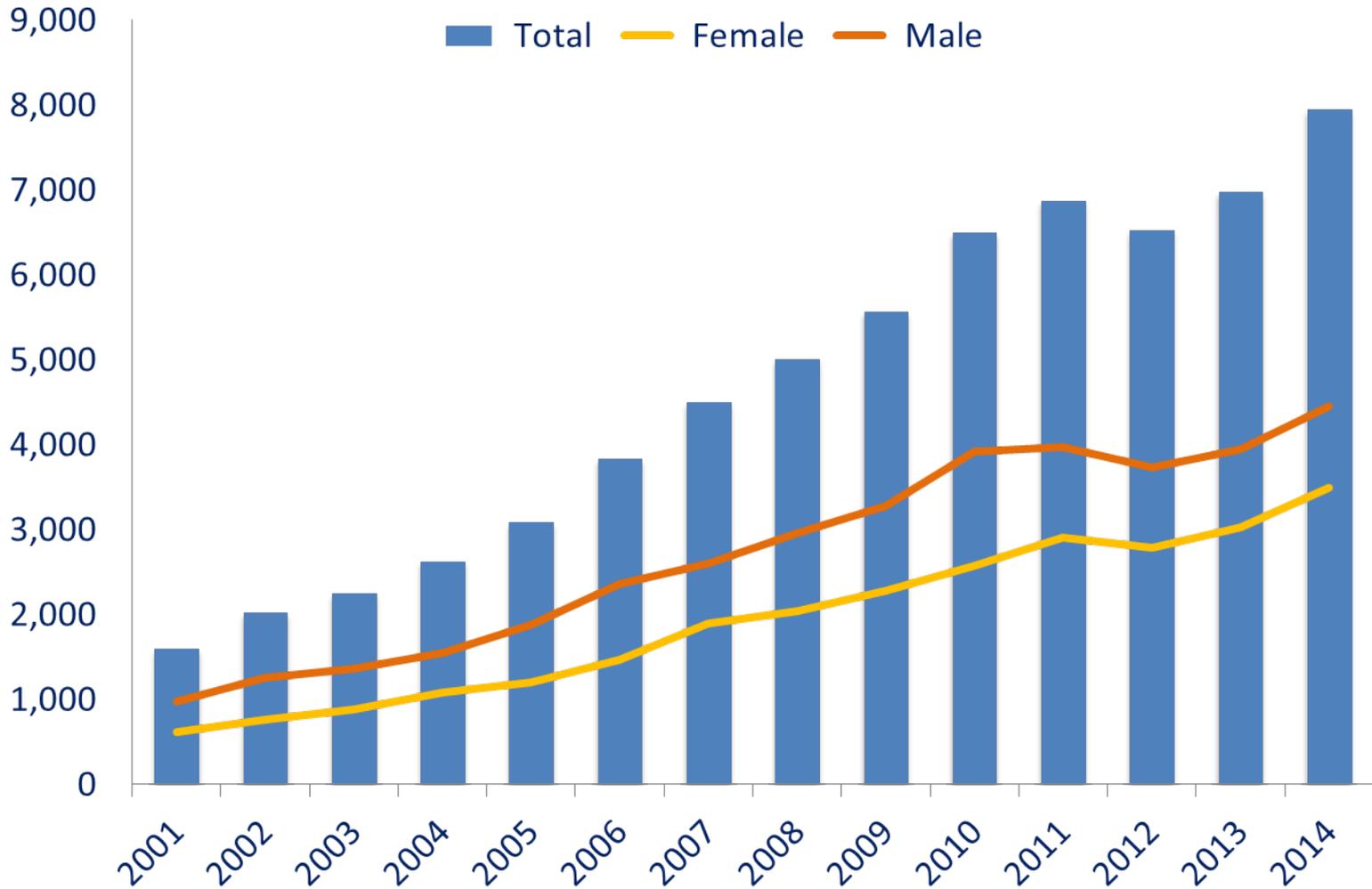
Drug Overdose & Motor Vehicle Accident Deaths



Data: CDC

National Overdose Deaths

Number of Deaths from Benzodiazepines



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder



The 1960s/70s/80s



Uppers - Amphetamines



Downers - Barbiturates



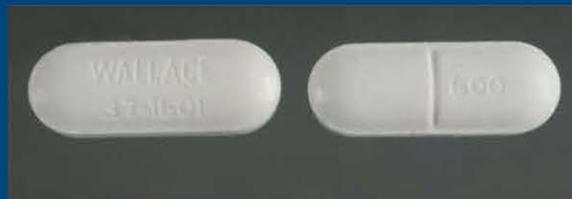
Quaalude



Hydromorphone



"Ts and Blues"



Meprobamate



Oxycodone/APAP



12 "Fours and Doors"

Rx Drug Ads on TV –

Educational or Influential ?

Overweight? Suffering from anxiety or erectile dysfunction? Well, relief is just a prescription pill away according to the endless television ads promoting prescription drugs.





10 mg



20 mg



40 mg



80 mg



160 mg



The 1990s

OxyContin® Tablets
(oxycodone hydrochloride controlled-release)

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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

Zohydro^{ER}
(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.



Prescription Drug Abuse is driven by

**Indiscriminate Prescribing
Criminal Activity**

Our Youth



U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
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Most Frequent Method of Obtaining a Pharmaceutical Controlled Substance for Non Medical Use

Friends and Family...For Free!!



Patients Often Prescribed Extra Painkillers, Many Share Them

Two new U.S. studies shed light on opioid epidemic

John Hopkins Study:

- +60% had leftover opioids they hung on for “future use”
- 20% shared their medications
- 8% likely will share w/ friend
- 14% likely will share w/ relative
- 10% securely lock their medication

Harvard Study:

600,000 Medicare recipients found that 15% of hospital patients got a new opioid prescription at discharge. Of those patients, almost 43% were still taking opioids more than 3 months later.

AP

Countless Opioid Pills Unused by Dental-Surgery Patients

Updated 8 hrs ago



TUESDAY, Sept. 27, 2016 (HealthDay News) -- More than half of the narcotic painkillers prescribed after wisdom teeth removal go unused, according to a new study that suggests this could contribute to the U.S. opioid epidemic.

"When translated to the broad U.S. population, our findings suggest that more than 100 million opioid pills prescribed to patients following surgical removal of impacted wisdom teeth are not used, leaving the door open for possible abuse or misuse by patients, or their friends or family," said study author Dr. Brandon Maughan.

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Mental Health



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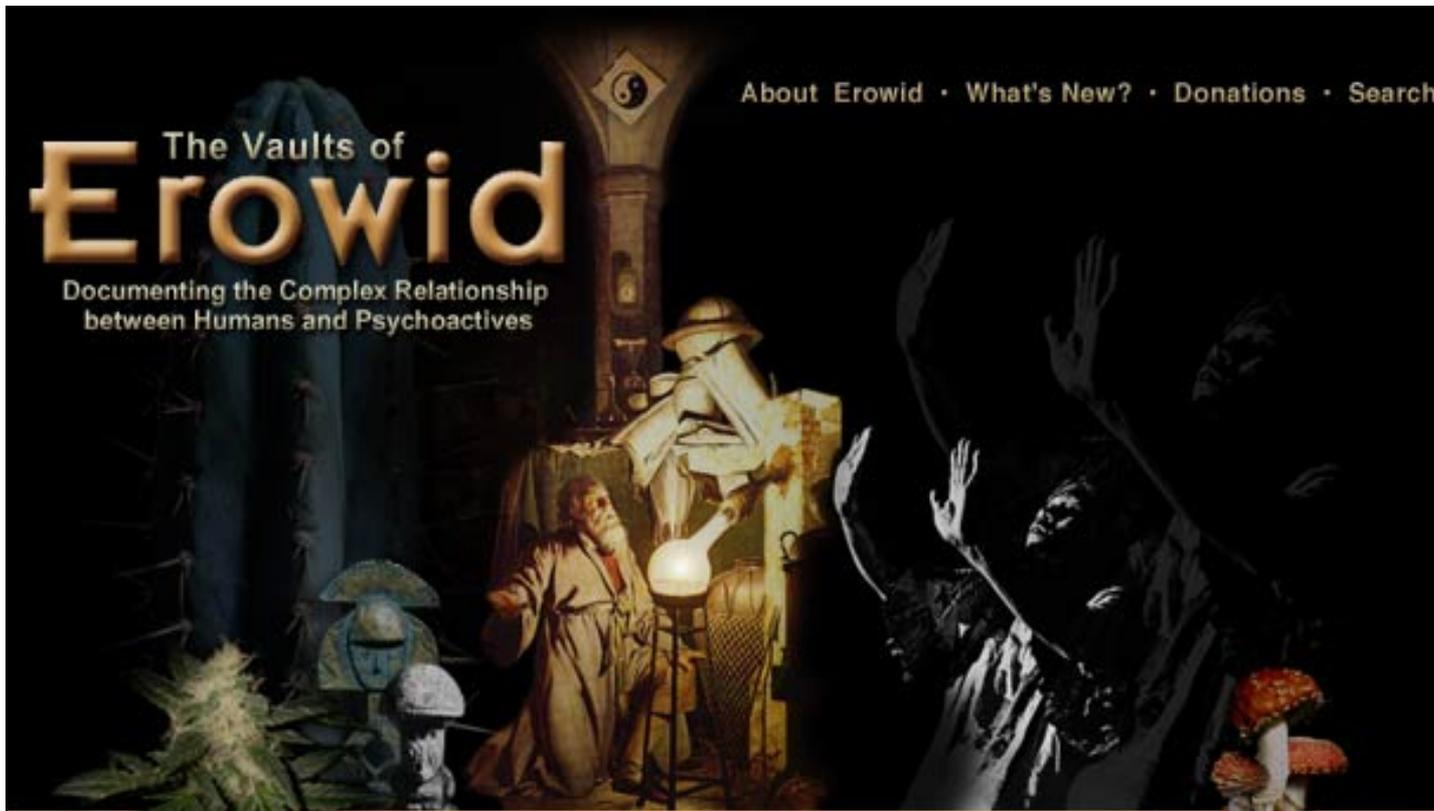


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Surprising Sour



Where else do our kids get their information from?

www.erowid.org



Where do kids get their information from?

www.bluelight.org

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the BlueLight website. The address bar shows 'www.bluelight.ru/vb/'. The page has a blue header with the 'BLUELIGHT' logo and a navigation menu including 'Home', 'Forum', 'What's New?', and 'Wiki'. A search bar and social media icons are also present. A banner for 'HARM REDUCTION WORKSHOP with BLUELIGHT PSYCHEDELIC SCIENCE 2013' is visible. The main content area features a 'THE FRONT PAGE' section with a post titled 'A Letter to BlueLight and MAPS Forum members From Brad Burge (MAPS) and Sebastians_Ghost (BL)'. The post includes an image of two hands shaking and text announcing a major collaboration between BlueLight.ru and the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including 'BlueLight - The Front ...'.

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THE FRONT PAGE

A Letter to BlueLight and MAPS Forum members From Brad Burge (MAPS) and Sebastians_Ghost (BL)

by Sebastians_ghost Published on 05-04-2013 06:57



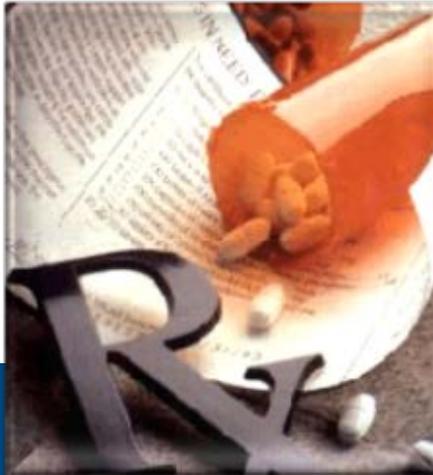
It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce today a major collaboration between BlueLight.ru and the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies.

Through the efforts of Brad Burge, MAPS' Director of Communications, Rick Doblin, MAPS' Founder and Executive Director, Sebastians_Ghost and The_Love_Bandit of BlueLight.ru, we will soon undertake an exciting partnership to reinvigorate the MAPS forum and increase opportunities for public education about psychedelic science and medicine. The existing plaintext email MAPS Forum will be migrating to BlueLight.ru, the world's leading drug information website. We're aiming to unveil the new MAPS Forums on BlueLight shortly before the Psychedelic Science 2013 symposium in mid-April.

In the coming weeks, the MAPS Forum will no longer be linked from maps.org. Instead, MAPS will provide a link to the new MAPS Forum hosted at BlueLight. MAPS will work closely with BlueLight to encourage public participation in our new "home" at BlueLight.ru as the migration of the MAPS Forum topics is completed.

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Violence





Starting the year with a bang

Saranac Hale Spencer, The News Journal 12:36 a.m. EST January 4, 2016



(Photo: DELAWARE STATE POLICE)

A 26-year-old Lewes man threatened to detonate explosives he said were strapped to his body if a pharmacist at a Walgreens near Magnolia didn't give him prescription drugs, according to state police.

The man, Curtis Kuhn, didn't actually have explosives strapped to his body, according to police.

Kuhn went into the pharmacy at about 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and put a note on the counter demanding Percocet and Xanax – he told the pharmacist that he had explosives strapped to his body and he was being forced to commit the robbery by someone who was sitting in a car in the parking lot, according to police.

When officers arrived shortly after that, they took Kuhn into custody without incident and found that he had no explosives and there was no car fitting his description in the parking lot, according to police.

Kuhn was charged with first-degree attempted robbery, attempted theft of a controlled substance and two counts of terroristic threatening. He was arraigned and sent to Vaughn Correctional Center near Smyrna for lack of \$27,000 secured bond and



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

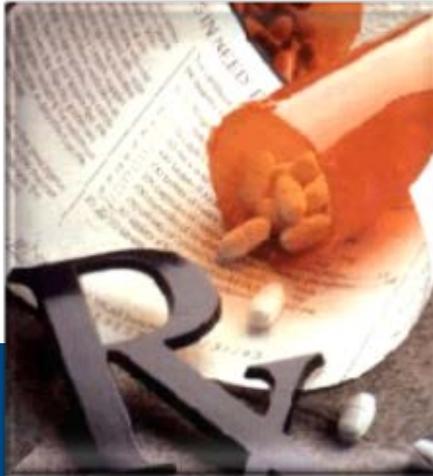


PAIN KILLER

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.

PAGES 4-5

Drugs of Abuse





Most commonly prescribed prescription medicine?

Hydrocodone/acetaminophen

Hydrocodone

- Hydrocodone / Acetaminophen (toxicity)
- Similarities:
 - Structurally related to codeine
 - Equal to morphine in producing opiate-like effects
- Brand Names: Vicodin[®], Lortab[®], Lorcet[®]
- **October 6, 2014 moved to SCHEDULE II**
- “Cocktail” or “Trinity”
 - Hydrocodone
 - Soma [®] / carisoprodol
 - Alprazolam / Xanax[®]



Street prices: \$2 to \$10+ per tablet depending on strength & region

The Trinity



Opiate



Muscle Relaxant



Benzodiazepine

Oxycodone

- OxyContin controlled release formulation of Schedule II oxycodone
 - The controlled release method of delivery allowed for a longer duration of drug action so it contained much larger doses of oxycodone
 - Abusers easily compromised the controlled release formulation by crushing the tablets for a powerful morphine-like high
 - 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 60, 80mg available
- Effects:
 - Similar to morphine in effects and potential for abuse/dependence
 - Sold in “Cocktails” or the “Holy Trinity”
 - Oxycodone, Soma ® / Xanax®
- Street price: Approx. \$80 per 80mg tablet

NOTE: New formulation introduced into the marketplace in 2010 that is more difficult to circumvent for insufflation (snorting) or injection. Does nothing to prevent oral abuse.

Oxycodone HCL CR (OxyContin®) Reformulation





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 metioned 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.



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Other Opiates of Interest



Trade Name: MS Contin
Controlled Ingredient: morphine sulfate, 100 mg



Trade Name: MS Contin
Controlled Ingredient: morphine sulfate, 15 mg



Trade Name: MS Contin
Controlled Ingredient: morphine sulfate, 30 mg



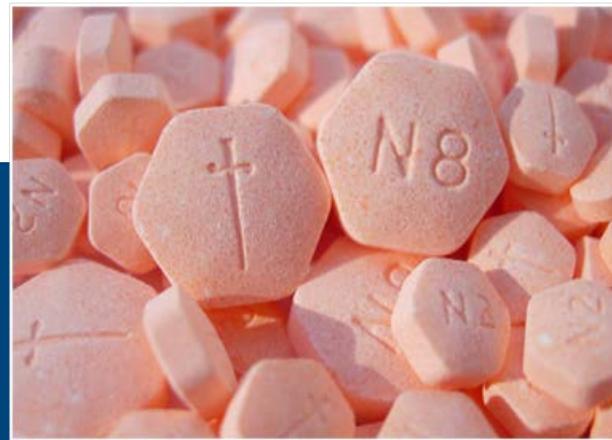
Trade Name: Oramorph SR
Controlled Ingredient: morphine sulfate, 30 mg



Trade Name: Oramorph SR
Controlled Ingredient: morphine sulfate, 100 mg



Trade Name: Oramorph SR
Controlled Ingredient: morphine sulfate, 60 mg



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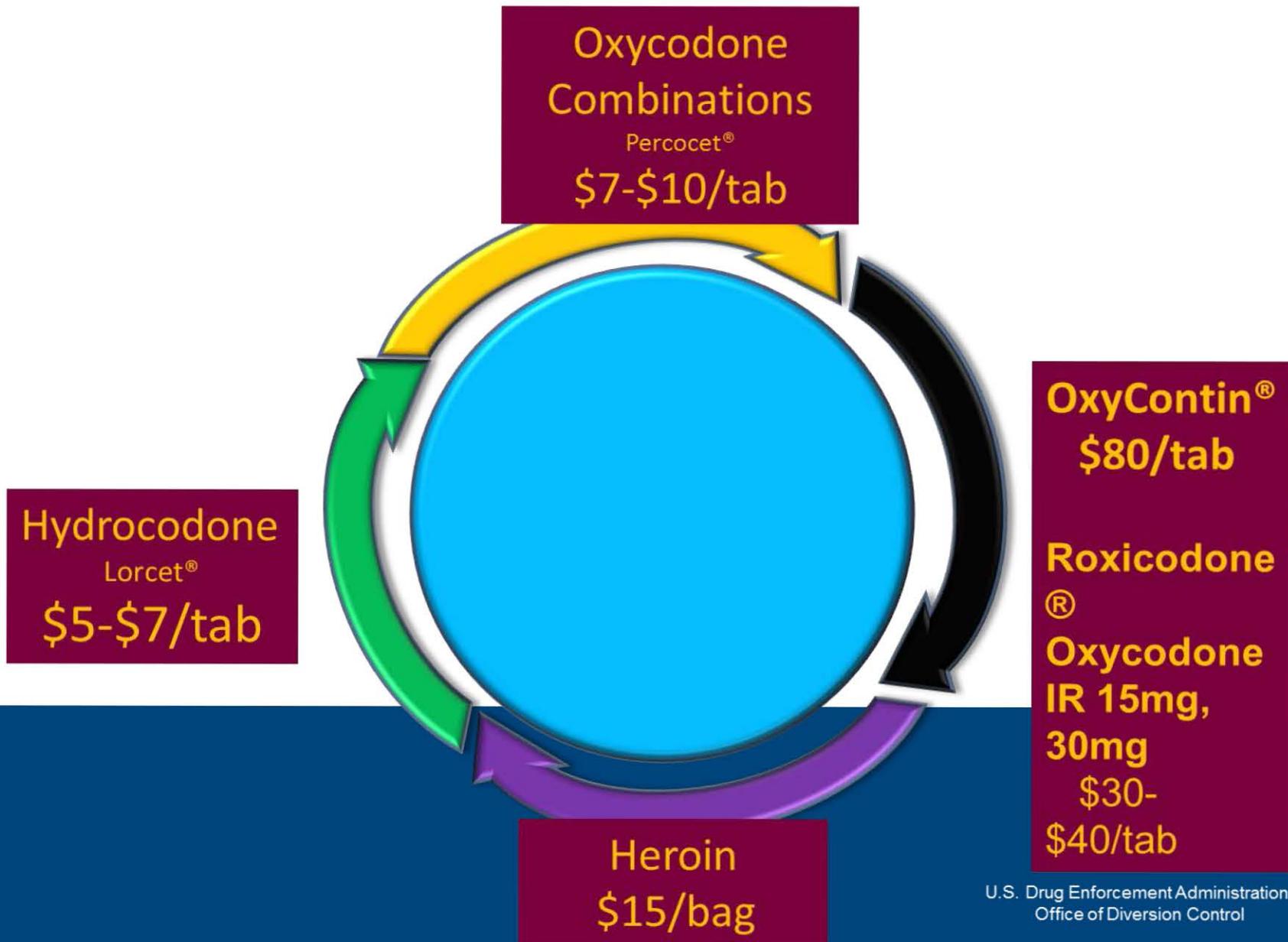
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Prescription Opiates v. Heroin



Circle of Addiction & the Next Generation





Opiates and Heroin

- 4 out of 5 recent heroin initiates used prescription opioids non-medically.¹
- The recent heroin abuse rate is 19 times higher among those who reported prior non-medical use of pain relievers than among those who did not report such use.²
- Overdose deaths from heroin abuse have more than doubled since 2010.³

¹NIDA, June 2015

²SAMHSA, August 2013

³NIDA, February 2015

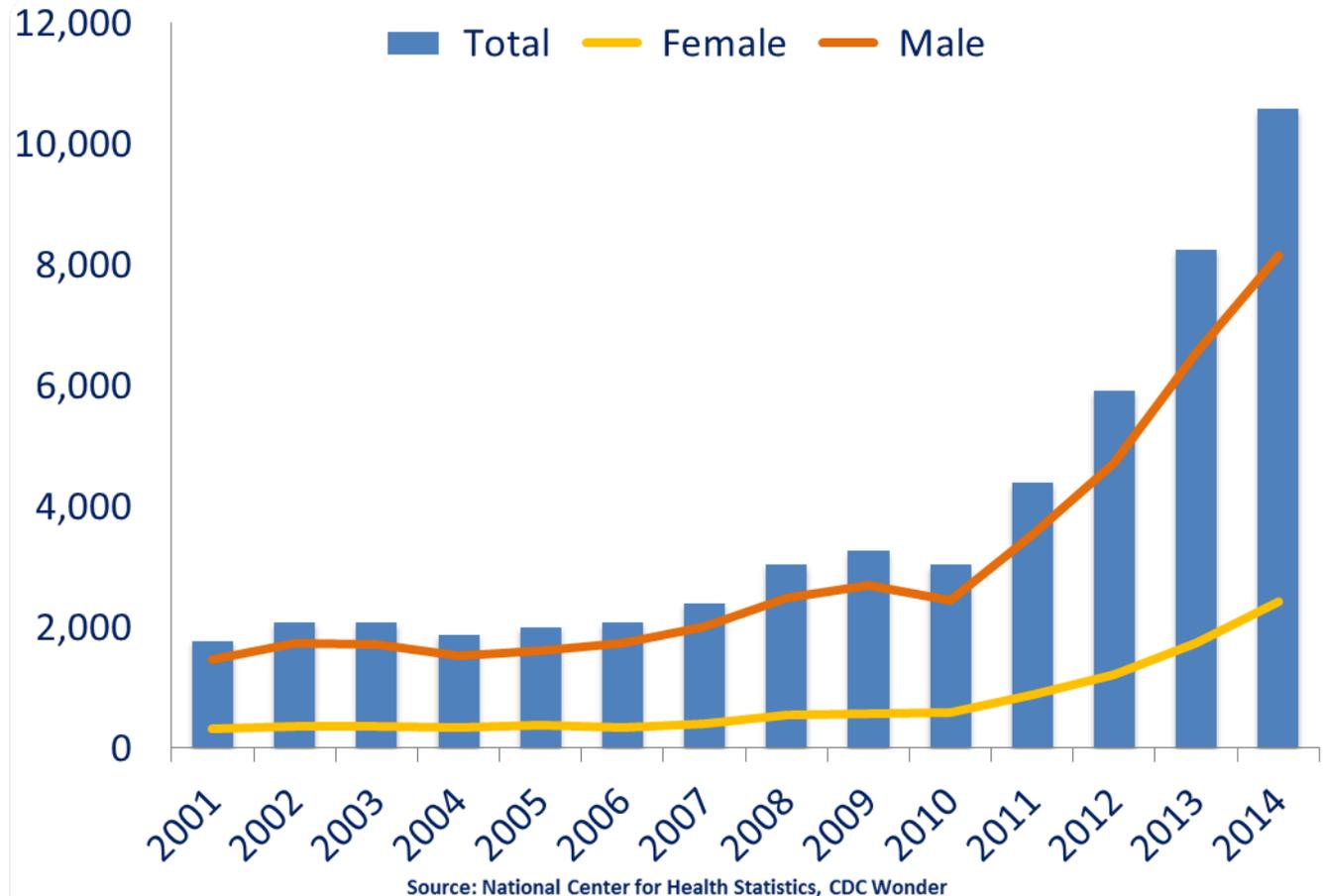


Scope of the Problem

CDC (2016):

Heroin deaths
more than triple
between 2010-2014

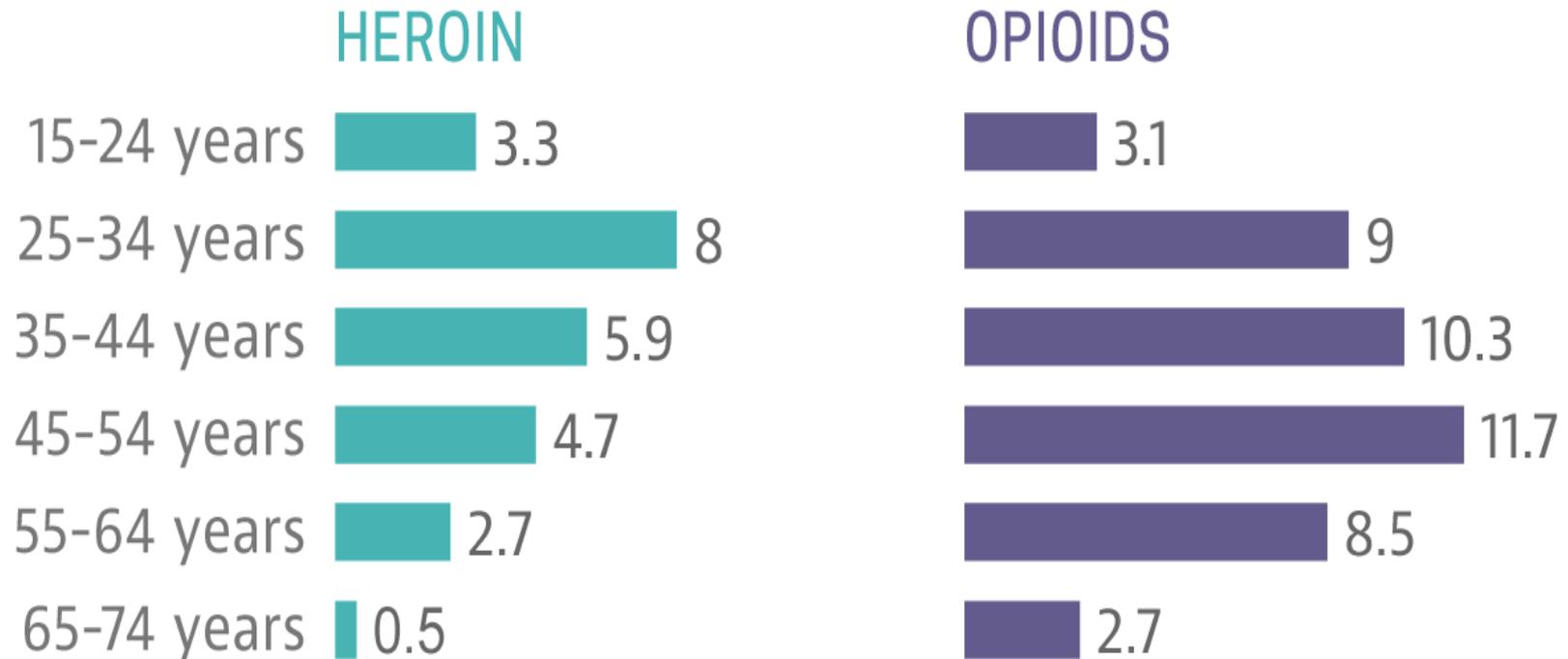
“This increase . . .
has been shown to
be closely tied to
opioid pain reliever
misuse and
dependence.”





Overdoses in 2014

Overdose Deaths by Age in 2014 per 100,000 people



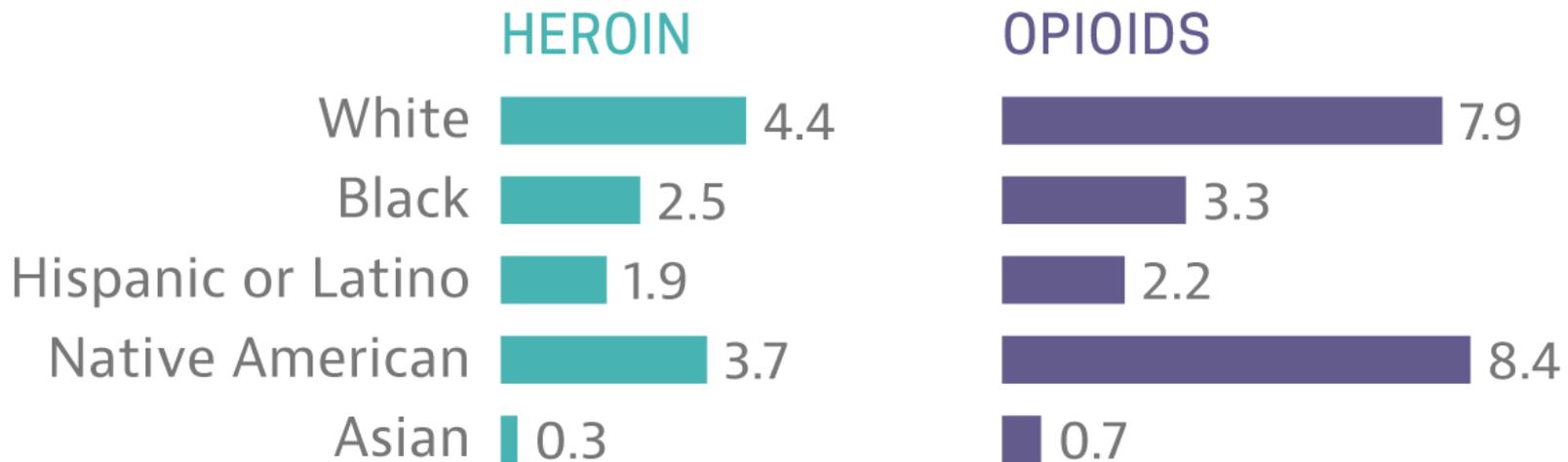
Source: CDC

Data: CDC



Everyone is Impacted

Overdose Deaths by Race in 2014 per 100,000 people



Data: CDC

Source: CDC



Rates of Heroin Death by Race

Rate of death per 100,000 population

2010 to 2014

- Whites – +267%
- Black – +213%
- Hispanic or Latino – +137%
- Native American – +246%
- Asian - #'s too small to reliably calculate %

Source: CDC

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POLITICS

Stalemate on 'cliff'

Sides stop talking;
Obama's rate hikes
may be flexible. P. 13

LOCAL

FBI analyst busted

Heroin use spikes in area suburbs

Pill addicts risk deadly drug



Community Impact?

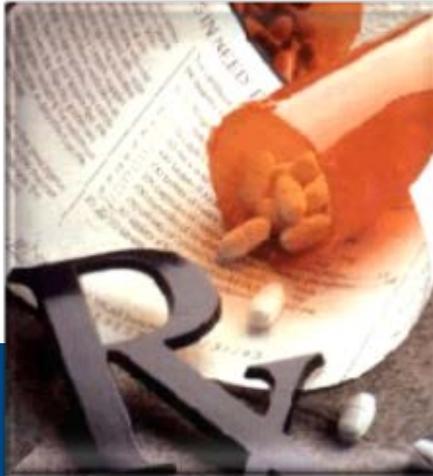
Heroin trafficking organizations relocating to areas where prescription drug abuse is on the rise

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

Criminal Activity





Egregious Activity (Not on the fringes)



United States V. Alvin Yee, M.D.

Dr. Alvin Yee



U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
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MEDICAL OFFICE

Various Locations, Orange County, California



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United States V. Alvin Yee, M.D.

Dr. Yee primarily met with his “patients” in Starbucks cafes throughout Orange County, California.

He would see up to a dozen patients each night between 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. and wrote these “patients” prescriptions, primarily for opiates, in exchange for cash.

Yee pled guilty to distributing millions of dollars in oxycodone, oxymorphone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, Adderall® and alprazolam outside the course of professional practice and without a legitimate medical purpose.





United States V. Alvin Yee, M.D.

CURES Data (PMP)

During a one-year time period, Yee wrote prescriptions for a total of 876,222 dosage units of all medications combined.

52% of all prescriptions (458,056 dosage units) written by Yee were for oxycodone (92%-30mg) during the one-year period.

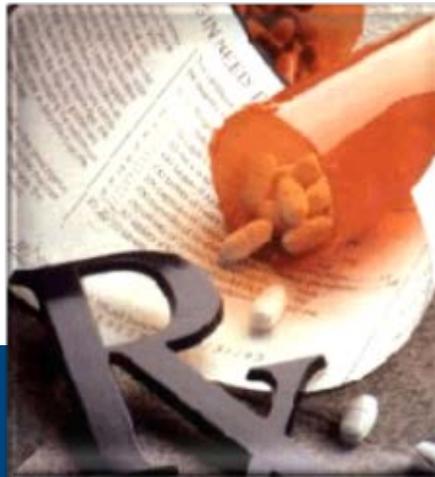
96% - oxycodone, hydrocodone, alprazolam, hydromorphone, and oxymorphone.

Almost half of Yee's patients were 25 and under.





The Controlled Substances Act: Checks & Balances





Mission

The mission of the Office of Diversion Control is to prevent, detect, and investigate the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances and listed chemicals from legitimate channels of distribution

while ...

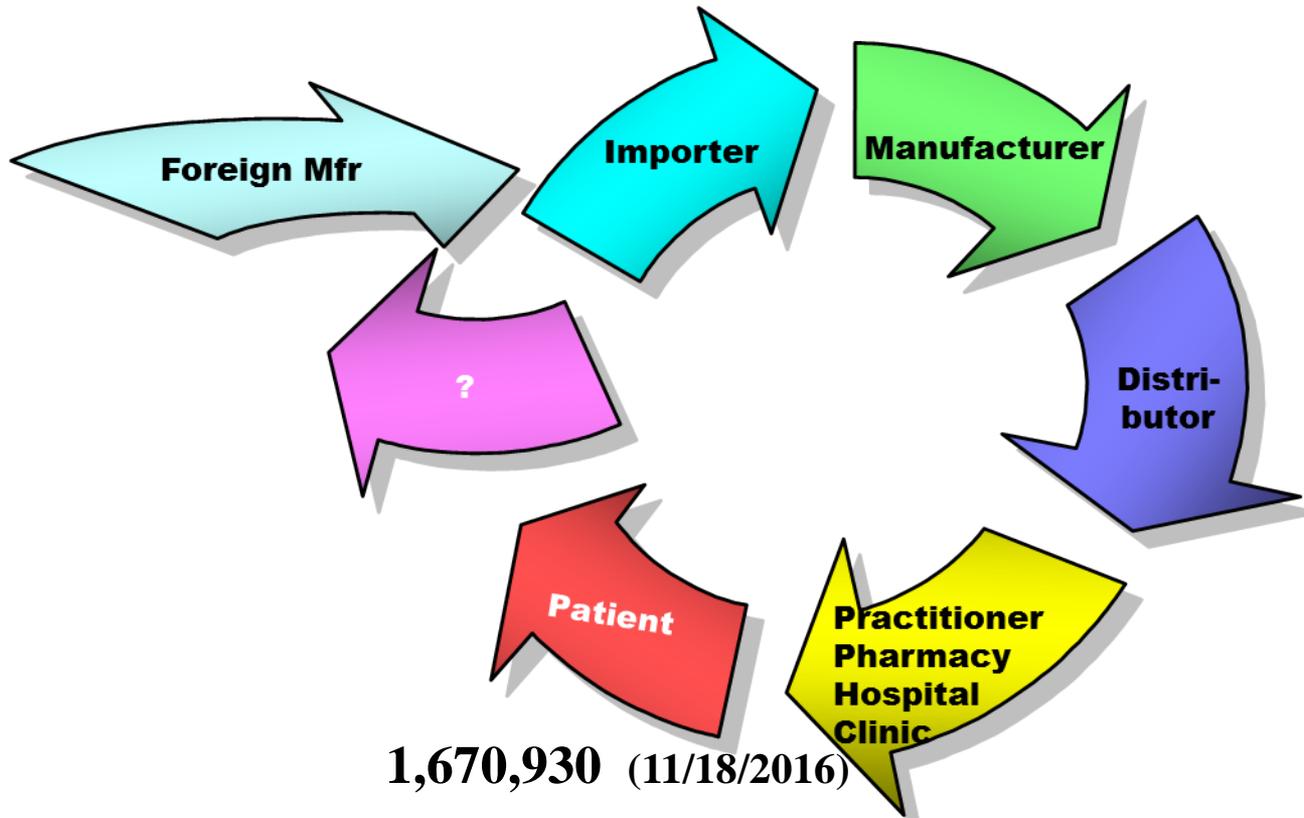
ensuring an adequate and uninterrupted supply of controlled substances to meet legitimate medical, commercial, and scientific needs.



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Office of Diversion Control



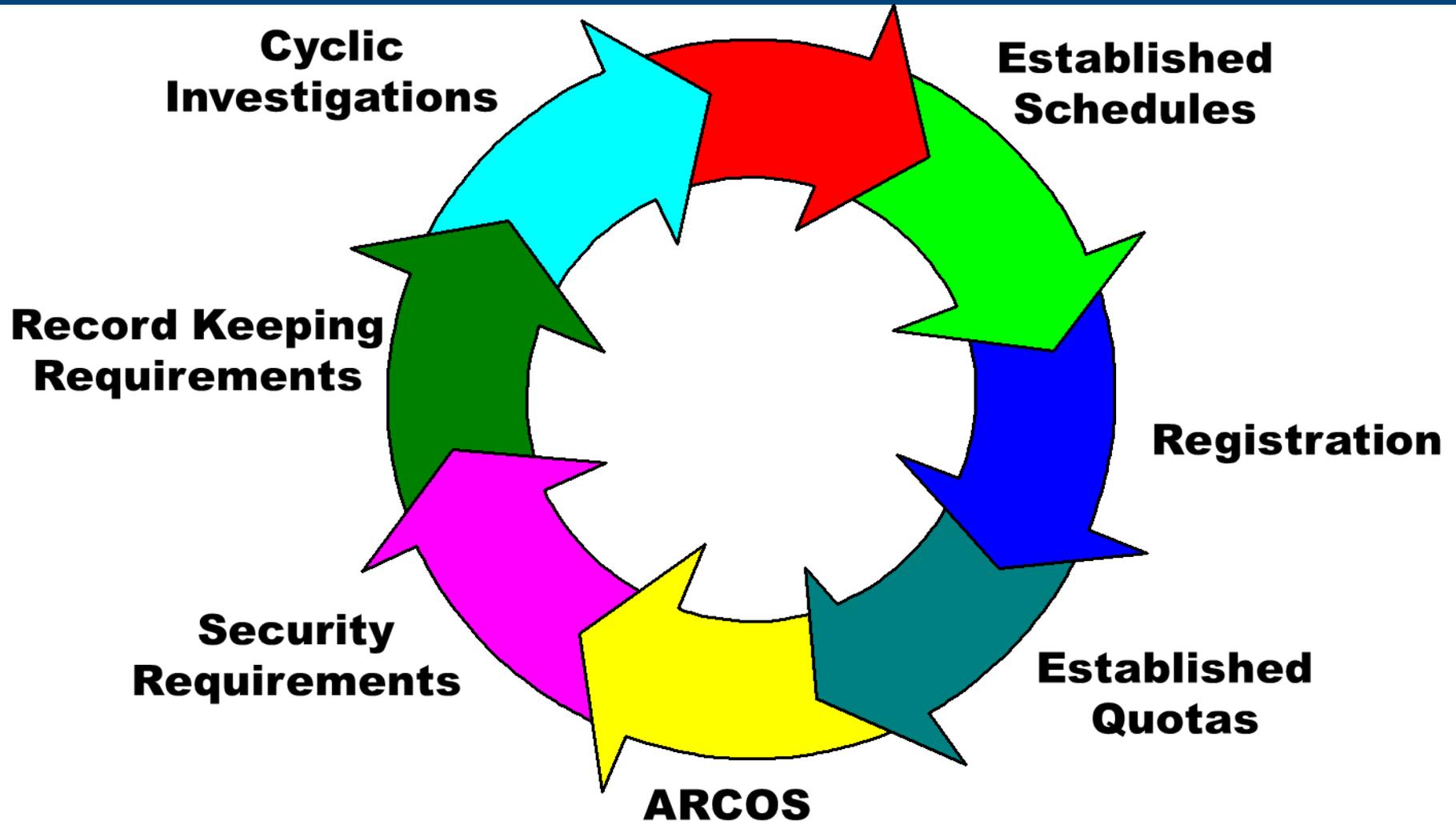
Closed System of Distribution



- **Practitioners:** 1,251,678
- **Mid Level Practitioner:** 314,388
- **Retail Pharmacies:** 72,129
- **Hospital/Clinics:** 17,629



Closed System of Distribution





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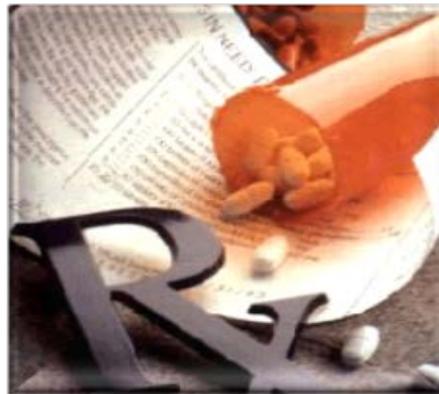
The DEA is responsible for:

- the oversight of the system
- the integrity of the system
- the protection of the public health and safety





Legal Obligations: DEA Registrant





Effective Controls

- All applicants and registrants shall provide effective controls and procedures to guard against theft and diversion of controlled substances.
- In order to determine whether a registrant has provided **effective controls** against diversion, the Administrator shall use the security requirements set forth in §§ 1301.72-1301.76 as standards for the physical security controls and operating procedures necessary to **prevent diversion**.

21 CFR § 1301.71(a)



Suspicious Orders

Non-practitioners 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(b)

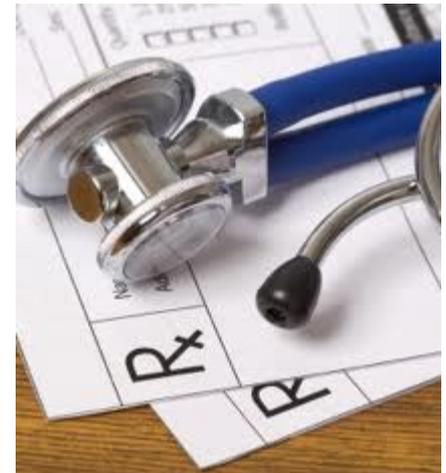


Prescriptions

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)





CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain

- Clinical Reminders:
 - Opioids are not first-line or routine therapy for chronic pain
 - Establish and measure goals for pain and function
 - Discuss benefits and risks and availability of nonopioid therapies with patient



CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain

- Use immediate-release opioids when starting
- Start low and go slow
- When opioids are needed for acute pain, prescribe no more than needed
- Do not prescribe ER/LA opioids for acute pain
- Follow-up and re-evaluate risk of harm; reduce dose or taper and discontinue if needed



CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain

- Evaluate risk factors for opioid-related harms
- Check PDMP for higher dosages and prescriptions from other providers
- Use urine drug testing to identify prescribed substances and undisclosed use
- Avoid concurrent benzodiazepine and opioid prescribing
- Arrange treatment for opioid use disorder if needed



Corresponding Responsibility by Pharmacist

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

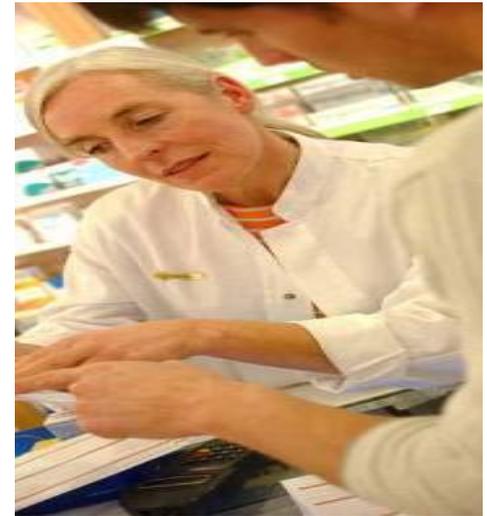
21 CFR § 1306.04(a)





Corresponding Responsibility by Pharmacist

- A pharmacist, by law, has a corresponding responsibility to ensure that prescriptions are legitimate.
- When a prescription is presented by a patient or demanded to be filled for a patient by a doctor's office, a pharmacist is not obligated to fill the prescription!!!





The Last Line of Defense



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Office of Diversion Control



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

- C**ustomers coming into the pharmacy in groups, each with the same prescriptions issued by the same physician; and
- C**ustomers with prescriptions for controlled substances written by physicians not associated with pain management (i.e., pediatricians, gynecologists, ophthalmologists, etc.).
- O**verwhelming proportion of prescriptions filled by pharmacy are controlled substances
- P**harmacist did not reach out to other pharmacists to determine why they were not filling a particular doctor's prescription
- V**erification of legitimacy not satisfied by a call to the doctors office



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QUESTIONS? **CHAT IS AVAILABLE**

Meet the NABP Executive Committee



The 2015-2016 NABP Executive Committee, including President Edward G. McGinley, MBA, RPh, were inaugurated at the 111th Annual Meeting. [Learn More](#)

2015-2016 Executive Committee

Officers

Chairperson – Joseph L. Adams, RPh

President – Edward G. McGinley, MBA, RPh

President-Elect – Hal Wand, MBA, RPh

Do You Know What a Doctor Shopper Looks Like?

Americans abuse prescription drugs more than cocaine, heroin, and hallucinogens combined. The "Red Flags" video helps pharmacists identify the warning signs of prescription drug abuse and diversion.



Red Flags for Pharmacists

Verified Pharmacy Program

CPE Monitor

Safe Online Pharmacies



NEWSROOM HEADLINES

RSS FEED



Red Flag?

What happens next?

You attempt to resolve...



Resolution is comprised of many factors

- Verification of a valid practitioner DEA number ! 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...

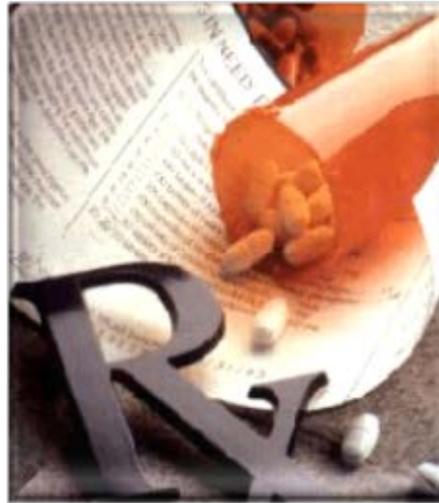


Who do I call to report a practitioner?

- 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



The DEA Response





Drug Enforcement Administration

360 Degree Strategy





Community Partnerships



- DEA recognizes we cannot arrest our way out of the drug problem – our goal is lasting success in the communities we serve.
- Education and Prevention are key elements for a true 360 Strategy.
- Law enforcement operations provide an opportunity for community empowerment and a jumping off point for education and prevention efforts.



DEA Registrant Initiatives

Distributor Initiative

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

Briefings to **99** firms with **309** registrations



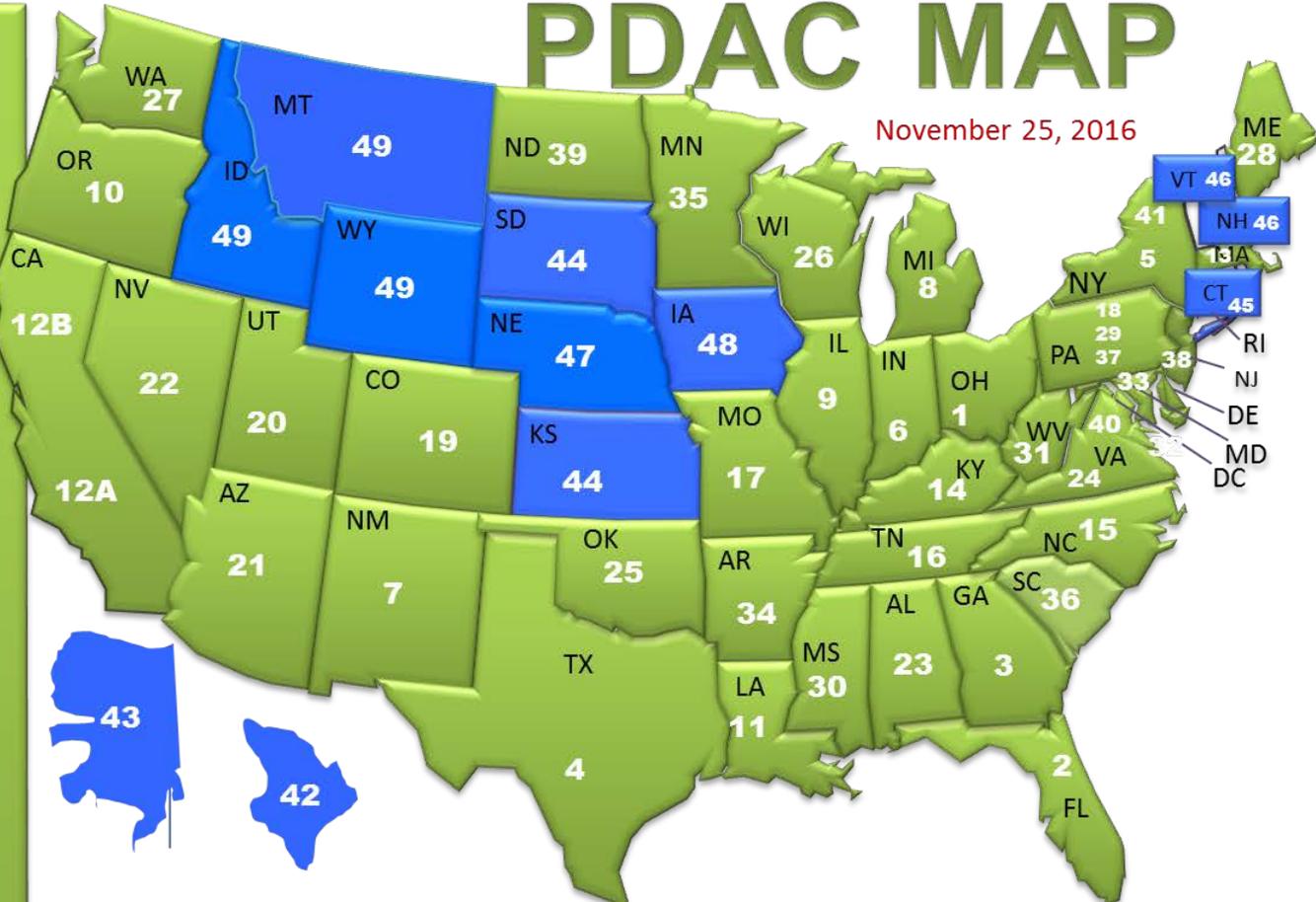
DEA Registrant Initiatives

Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference

This conference is designed to educate pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy loss prevention personnel on ways to address and respond to potential diversion activity

PDAC MAP

November 25, 2016



Completed PDACs

| FY-2011 | Attendance |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 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 |
| 25-Oklahoma City 6/27-28/15 | 253 |
| 26-Milwaukee, WI 7/25-26/15 | 114 |
| 27-Seattle, WA 8/8-8/9/15 | 210 |
| 28-Portland, ME 9/12-9/13/15 | 94 |
| FY-2015 Total Attendance | 1,570 |
| FY-2016 | |
| 29-Pittsburgh, PA 12/10-11/15 | 196 |
| 30-Jackson, MS 1/9-10/16 | 185 |
| 31-Charleston, WV 2/27-28/16 | 245 |
| 32-Wilmington, DE 3/19-20/16 | 111 |
| 33-Towson, MD 4/17-4/18/16 | 442 |
| 34-Little Rock, AR 6/11-12-/16 | 216 |
| 35-Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN 7/8-9/16 | 151 |
| 36-Hilton Head, SC 8/15-16/16 | 157 |
| 37-Camp Hill, PA 8/27/16 | 84 |
| 38-New Brunswick, NJ 9/18-19/16 | 304 |
| 39-Fargo, ND 10/2/16 | 68 |
| 40-Washington, DC 11-19-20/16 | 414 |
| Total Attendance To Date | 11,791 |

FY-2017 PDACs

- 41-Buffalo, New York – December 9 & 10, 2016*
- 42-Waikiki, Honolulu – January 22 & 23, 2017
- 43-Alaska – February 2017 (Date TBD)
- 44-Kansas – March 2017 (Date TBD)
- 45-Connecticut/Rhode Island – May 2017 (Date TBD)
- 46-Vermont/New Hampshire – Spring 2017 (Date TBD)
- 47-Nebraska – June 2017 (Date TBD)
- 48-Iowa – July 2017 (Date TBD)
- 49-Idaho, Montana/Wyoming – August 2017 (TBD)

38 STATES (incl. the D.C.)

80 PDAC CONFERENCES

- Completed PDACs
- Proposed PDACs
- * Repeated State



DEA Registrant Initiatives

- The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) promotes excellence in medical practice, licensure, and regulation on behalf of 70 state medical and osteopathic Boards across the country in their protection of the public
- DEA and FSMB are currently working on developing strategies to [work more effectively and jointly](#) on indiscriminate prescriber investigations in order to facilitate the administrative process to take action against those that are a threat to the public health and welfare quickly, and at the same time not jeopardize a criminal investigation



DEA Registrant Initiatives

“Stakeholders’ Challenges and Red Flag Warning Signs Related to Prescribing and Dispensing Controlled Substances”

- Represents the medical, pharmacist, and supply chain spectrum highlighting the challenges and “red flag” warning signs related to prescribing and dispensing controlled substance prescriptions
- The goal was to provide health care practitioners with an understanding of their shared responsibility to ensure that all controlled substances are prescribed and dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose, as well as to provide guidance on which red flag warning signs warrant further scrutiny
- NABP along with 10 national associations and 6 major pharmaceutical firms were the coalition of stakeholders of this document.

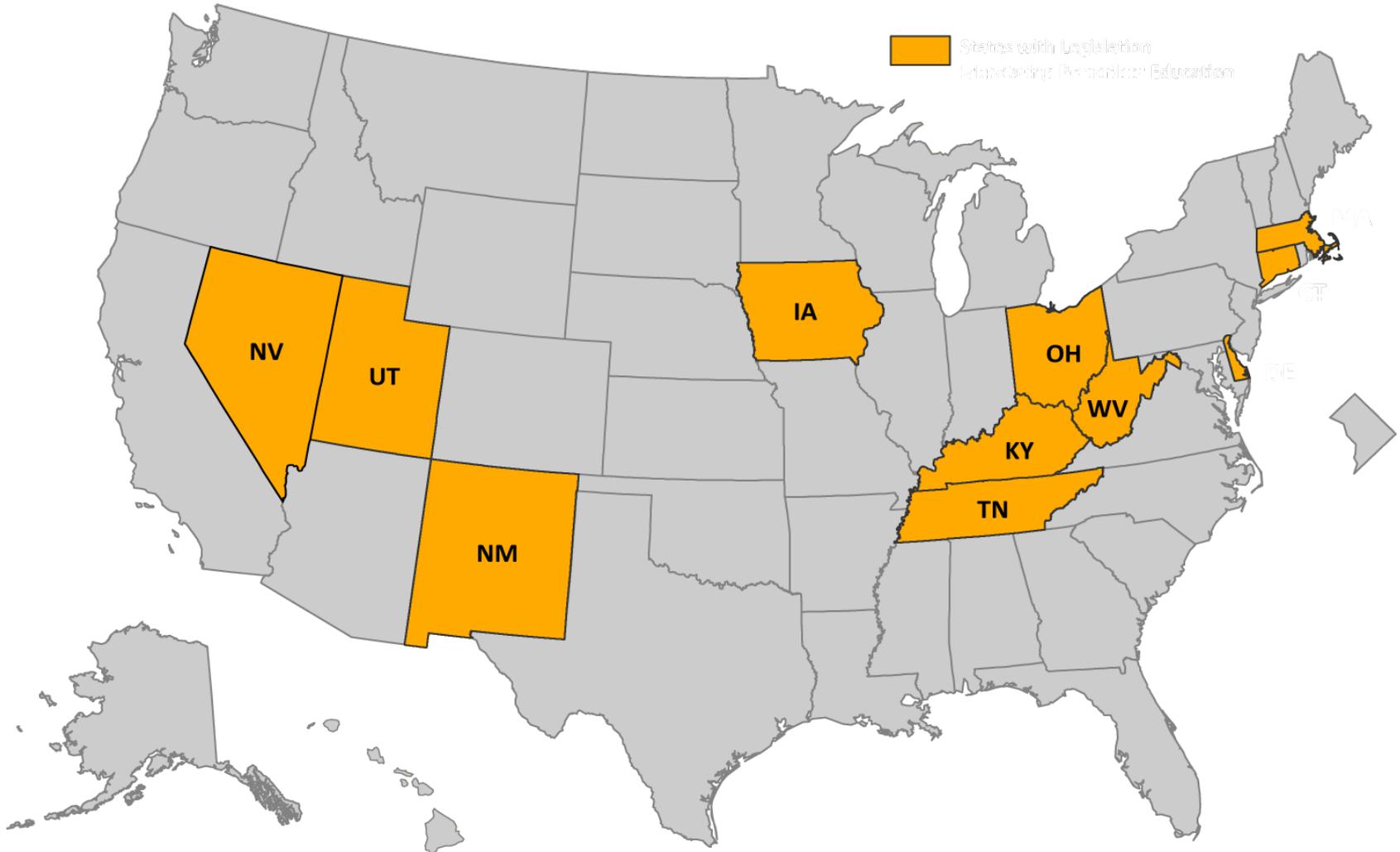


Scheduled Investigations

- Increase in the number of DEA registrants that are required to be investigated to ensure compliance with the Controlled Substances Act and its implementing regulations
- Increase in the frequency of the regulatory investigations
- Verification investigations of customers and suppliers



Since 2011, Eleven States have Passed Legislation Mandating Prescriber Education





Maine

- Second State to Mandate Electronic Prescribing
- Prescribers are required to undergo addiction training every 2 years
- Set cap on daily strength for opioid prescribing:
 - Acute pain – 7 days
 - Chronic pain – 30 days
- To begin January 2017



National Take Back Initiative

Got Drugs?

Turn in your
unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday,

Click here
for a collection
site near you.

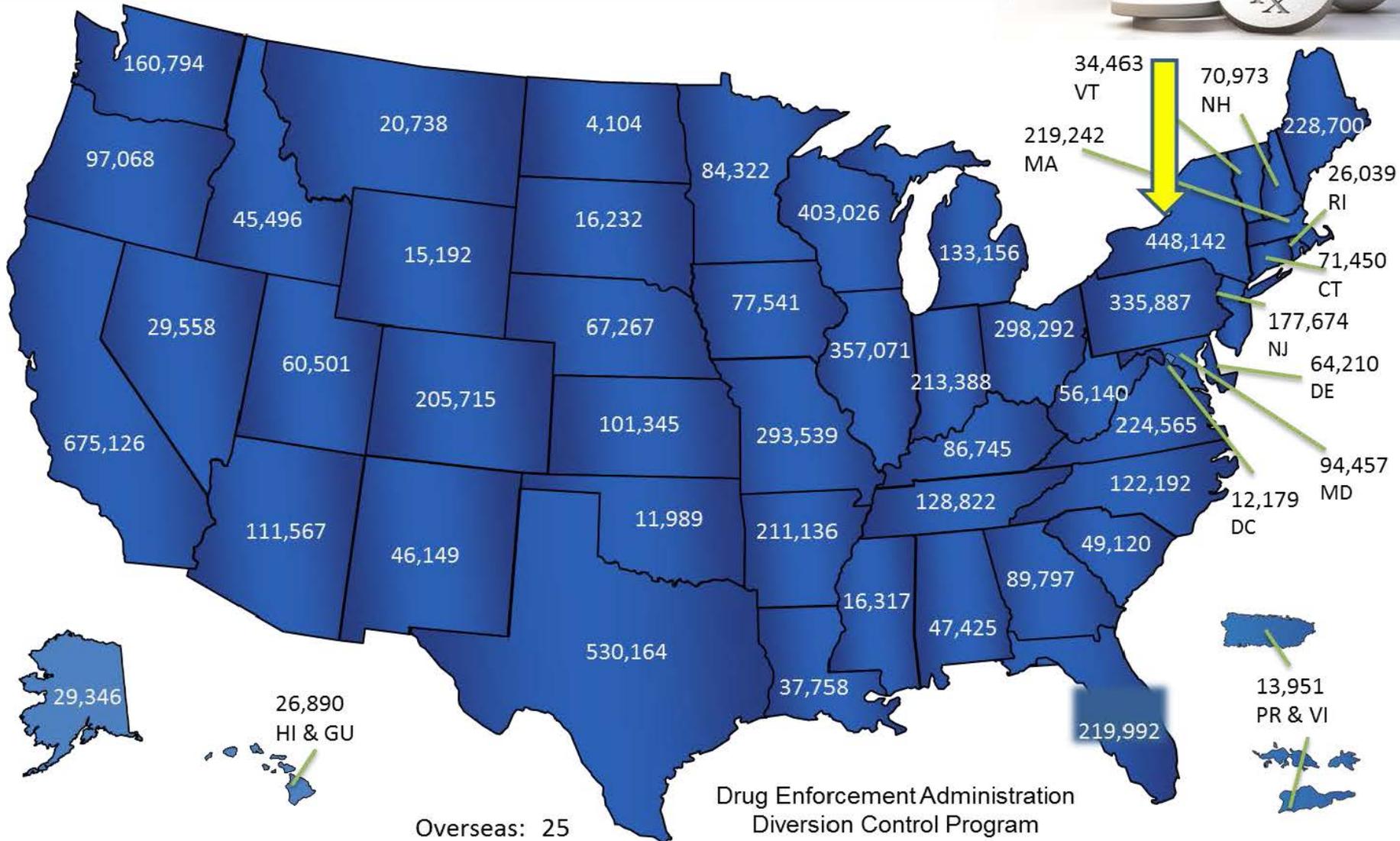


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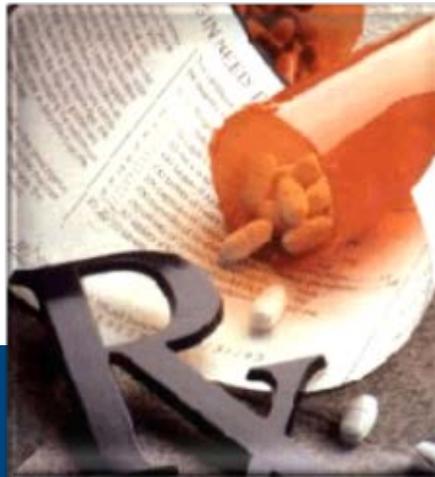
National Take Back I-XII Totals:

Total Weight Collected (pounds): 7,202,977 (3601 Tons)



Drug Enforcement Administration
Diversion Control Program

Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010





Ultimate User

Ultimate user means as “a person who has lawfully obtained, and who possesses, a controlled substance for his own use or for the use of a member of his household or for an animal owned by him or a member of his household.”

21 USC § 802(27)

Ultimate user methods of destruction prior to Disposal rule:

- ✓ Disposal in Trash (ONDCP method); or
- ✓ Flushing (FDA opioids and select CSs)
- ✓ National Take-back Event (DEA)
- ✓ Transfer to Law Enforcement
- ✓ (Police Station Receptacles or local Take-back events)
- ✓ DEA





Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010

- CSA amended to provide ultimate users and LTCF with additional methods to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired controlled substance medication in a secure, safe and responsible manner

21 USC § 822(f) & (g)

- Participation is voluntary

21 USC § 822(g)(2)

- Registrants authorized to collect:

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

21 CFR § 1317.40

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



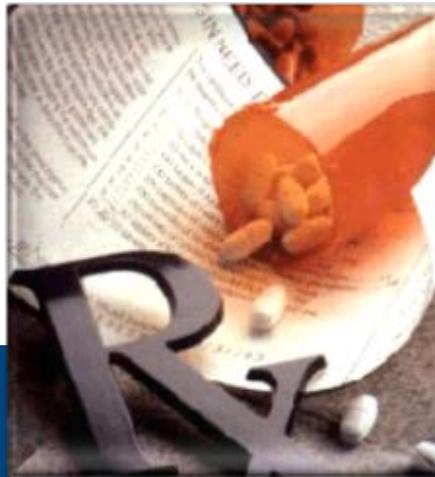
Law Enforcement

- Law Enforcement may continue to conduct take-back events.
- Any person may partner with Law Enforcement.
- Law Enforcement shall maintain control and custody of collected substances until secure transfer, storage, or destruction has occurred.
- Authorized collection receptacles and inner liners “should” be used.

21 CFR § 1317.35 and 1317.65



Collection





Collection

Collection means to receive a controlled substance for the purpose of destruction from an:

- Ultimate user,
- Person lawfully entitled to dispose of an ultimate user decedent's property, or
- LTCF on behalf of an ultimate user who resides or has resided at the facility.

21 USC § 822(g)(3) & (4) and 21 CFR § 1300.01(b)

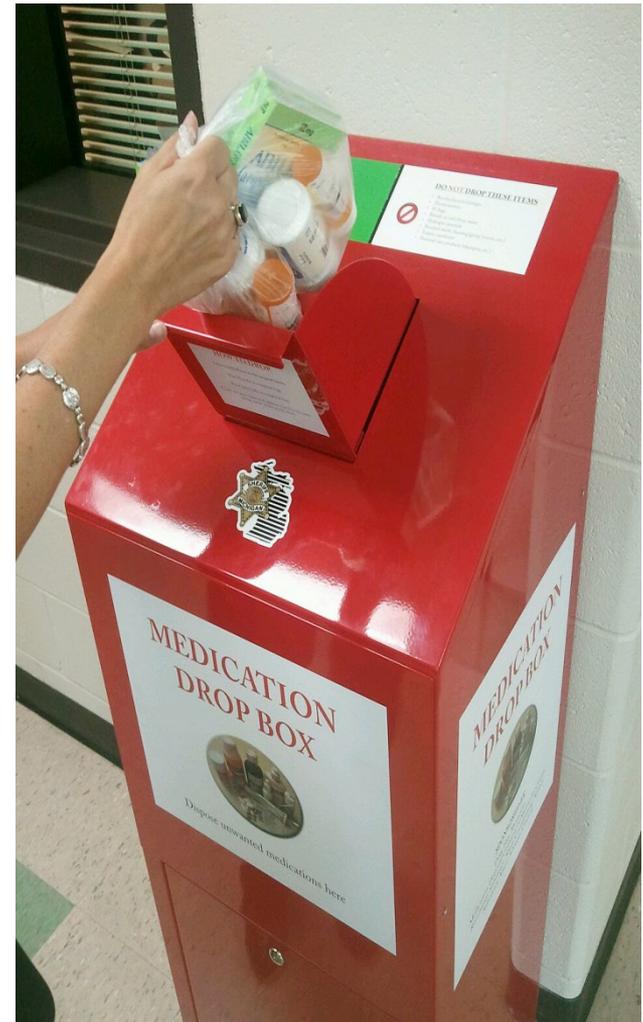




Design of Collection Receptacles

- 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.
- Outer container must display a sign stating only Schedule II-V and non-controlled substances are acceptable substances.
- Schedule I controlled substances are not permitted to be collected

21 CFR § 1317.75(e)





Collection Receptacles

- Ultimate users *shall* put the substances directly into the collection receptacle.
- Controlled and non-controlled substances may be comingled.
- Collected substances shall not be counted, sorted, inventoried, or otherwise individually handled.
- Registrants **shall not dispose of stock or inventory** in collection receptacles.

21 CFR § 1317.75(b) and (c)



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.

21 CFR § 1317.75(d)



Mail-Back Program

Requirements of mail-back program

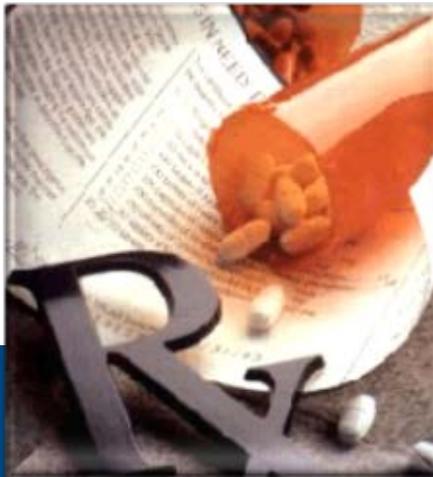
- Only lawfully possessed schedules II-V controlled substances may be collected
- Controlled and non-controlled substances may be collected together
- **Must have method of on-site destruction**

21 CFR § 1317.70 (b)

DEA Registrant who sells mail-back packages for another registrant is **NOT** required to modify registration as a collector



Registrant Disposal





Registrant Disposal - Inventory

Practitioner & Non-Practitioner may **dispose of inventory**

- Prompt on-site destruction
- Prompt delivery to **reverse distributor** by common or contract carrier or **reverse distributor pick-up**
- Return and recall : Prompt delivery by common or contract carrier or pick-up at the registered location

Practitioner may also request assistance from the SAC

Non-Practitioner may also transport by its own means

21 CFR § 1317.05(a) and (b)



DEA Form 41

- Form 41 shall be used to record the **destruction of all controlled substances, including controlled substances acquired from collectors.**
 - The Form 41 shall include the names and signatures of the two employees who witnessed the destruction.
 - Exceptions for DEA Form 41:
 - Destruction of a controlled substance dispensed by a practitioner for immediate administration at the practitioner's registered location, when the substance is not fully exhausted (i.e. wastage) shall be properly recorded in accordance with § 1304.22(c), and such record **need not** be maintained on a Form 41
 - Transfers by registrant to a reverse distributor must be recorded in accordance with § 1304.22(c), and such record **need not** be maintained on a Form 41



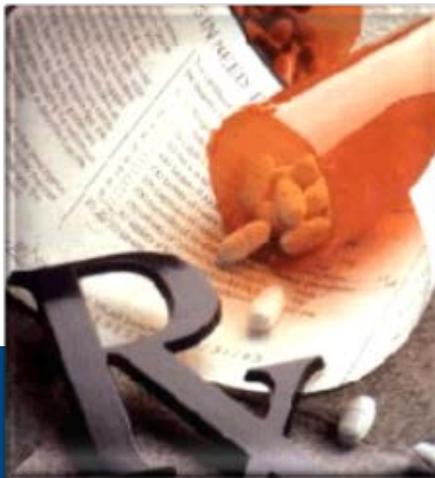
Abandoned Controlled Substances

- Circumstances when there is no authorized person to dispose of controlled substances
 - School
 - Summer camp
 - Hospital
- Return to ultimate user is not feasible
- Options
 - Contact law enforcement or DEA
 - Destroy on-site

79 FR 53546 (Disposal Final Rule)



Pharmaceutical Wastage





Pharmaceutical Wastage

Not subject to **21 CFR Part 1317**

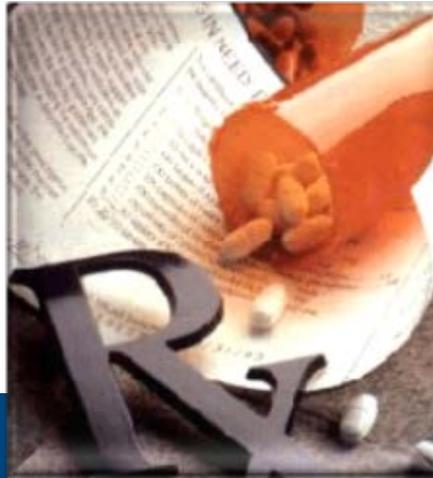
- Destruction does not have to be “non-retrievable”
- DEA Form 41 must not be utilized

- Dispensing must be recorded as a record

21 CFR § 1304.22(c)

- Clarification memorandum on DEA website at www.deaDiversion.usdoj.gov

Questions?



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