



Overview of the Opioid Addiction Epidemic

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The Opium Poppy *Papaver Somniferum*



Crude Opium Latex on Poppy Head



Opioids

- Morphine
- Codeine
- Heroin
- Hydrocodone (Vicodin, Lortab)
- Methadone
- Oxycodone (Percocet, Oxycontin)
- Hydromorphone (Dilaudid)
- Meperidine (Demerol)

Winslow's Soothing Syrup for infants Active Ingredient: Morphine









Source: The New York Times Magazine, June 5, 1977





Rates of ED visits for nonmedical use of selected opioid analgesics increased significantly in the US



* Indicates a rate that was significantly less than the rate in 2008. Note: Drug types include combination products, e.g, combinations of oxycodone and aspirin.

Opioid-Dependent Infants in Tennessee NAS in TN: 1999-2010



Data sources: Tennessee Department of Health; Office of Health Statistics; Hospital Discharge Data System (HDDS) and Birth Statistical System. Analysis includes inpatient hospitalizations with age less than 1 and any diagnosis of drug withdrawal syndrome of newborn (ICD-9-CM 779.5). HDDS records may contain up to 18 diagnoses. Infants were included if any of these diagnosis fields were coded 779.5. Note that these are discharge-level data and not unique patient data.



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Unintentional Drug Overdose Deaths United States, 1970–2007







Drug Overdose Deaths by Major Drug Type, United States, 1999–2010



CDC, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, CDC Wonder. Updated with 2010 mortality data.







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SOURCE: Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). Data received through 11.03.10.





Incomplete data

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2009 (range 1 – 379)



SOURCE: Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). Data received through 11.03.10.



Figure 9. Non-heroin opiate admissions, by gender, age, and race/ethnicity: 2011

SOURCE: Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). Data received through 10.10.11.

Unintentional overdose deaths involving opioid analgesics parallel per capita sales of opioid analgesics in morphine equivalents by year, U.S., 1997-2007



Source: National Vital Statistics System, multiple cause of death dataset, and DEA ARCOS * 2007 opioid sales figure is preliminary.



New York Consumption of Oxycodone 1980 - 2006



New York Consumption of Hydrocodone 1980 - 2006



Dollars Spent Marketing OxyContin (1996-2001)

Figure 1: Promotional Spending for Three Opioid Analgesics in First 6 Years of Sales

Absolute dollars in millions 30



Source: United States General Accounting Office: Dec. 2003, "OxyContin Abuse and Diversion and Efforts to Address the Problem."

Industry-funded organizations campaigned for greater use of opioids

- Pain Patient Groups
- Professional Societies
- The Joint Commission



• The Federation of State Medical Boards

Industry-funded "education" emphasizes:

- Opioid addiction is rare in pain patients.
- Physicians are needlessly allowing patients to suffer because of "opiophobia."
- Opioids are safe and effective for chronic pain.
- Opioid therapy can be easily discontinued.

"Only four cases of addiction among 11,882 patients treated with opioids"

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Cited 677 times (Google Scholar)

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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 addiction in patients who had no history of addiction. The addiction was considered major in only one instance. The drugs implicated were meperidine in two patients,² Percodan in one, and hydromorphone in one. 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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Long-term Opioid Treatment of Nonmalignant Pain

A Believer Loses His Faith

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Annals of Internal Medicine

Chronic Noncancer Pain Management and Opioid Overdose: Time to **Change Prescribing Practices**

BMJ 2011;343:d5142 doi: 10.1136/bmj.d5142

Facing up to the prescription opioid crisis

Deaths resulting from prescription opioids tripled in the United States between 1999 and 2007 and are also increasing in many other countries, including the United Kingdom. Irfan A Dhalla, Navindra Persaud, and David N Juurlink describe how this situation developed and propose several ways to reduce morbidity and mortality from opioids

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Long-Term Opioid Therapy Reconsidered

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Viewpoint

A Flood of Opioids, a Rising Tide of Deaths

Susan Okie, M.D.

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Patient Satisfaction, Prescription Drug Abuse, and Potential Unintended Consequences

Aleksandra Zgierska, MD, PhD; Michael Miller, MD; David Rabago, MD

"I think that after 20 years of a failed experiment that there are not many people supporting this except for the die-hards and the pharmaceutical industry."

Jane C. Ballantyne, MD FRCA Professor, Univ. of Washington

Source: New York Times, April 9, 2012. "Tightening the Lid on Pain Prescriptions".

The Emperor's New Paradigm:

Patient Selection, Risk Stratification & Monitoring



Urine Tox Results in Chronic Pain Patients on Opioid Therapy



Source: Couto JE, Goldfarb NI, Leider HL, Romney MC, Sharma S. High rates of inappropriate drug use in the chronic pain population. *Popul Health Manag.* 2009;12(4):185–190.

Controlling the epidemic: A Three-pronged Approach

- Primary Prevention- prevent new cases of opioid addiction.
- Secondary Prevention- provide people who are addicted with effective treatment.
- Supply control- Medical board & law enforcement efforts to reduce overprescribing and black-market availability.

Opioid manufacturers continue to advertise opioids as safe and effective for chronic pain.



Extra strength pain relief free of extra prescribing restrictions.

Telephone prescribing in most states Up to five refills in 6 months No triplicate Rx required

Excellent patient acceptance.

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This is a **false dichotomy**

Aberrant drug use behaviors are common in pain patients



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