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# PDMP

## A Powerful Tool

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“During the spring and summer of 2001, U.S. intelligence agencies received a stream of warnings that al Qaeda planned, as one report put it, “something very, very, very big.”

The Director of Central Intelligence said, “The system was blinking red.”

*Executive Summary, The 9/11 Commission Report, Page 6*





The FBI's approach to counterterrorism investigations was, "case-specific, decentralized, and geared toward prosecution."

*Executive Summary, The 9/11 Commission Report, Page 13*

"Each agency's incentive structure opposes sharing, with risks (criminal, civil, and internal administrative sanctions) but few rewards for sharing information."

*The 9/11 Commission Report, Page 417*



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The 9/11 Commission's bottom-line  
recommendation called for a...

# Unity of Effort



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# One fight, one team



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2,390 Pearl Harbor Deaths

2,973 9/11 Deaths

[http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-224\\_162-2035427.html](http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-224_162-2035427.html)



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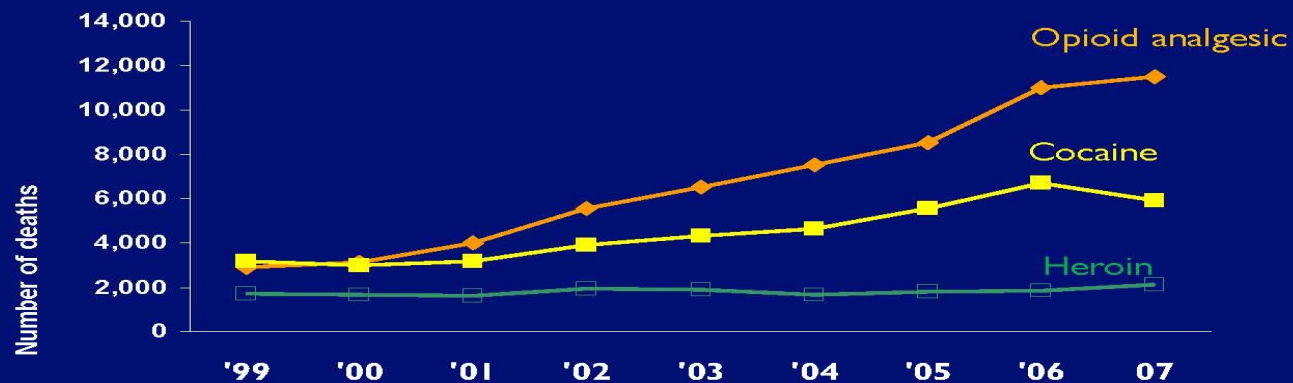
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# Prescription Painkiller Overdose Deaths CY 2009

<http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/MethadoneOverdoses>



## Unintentional overdose deaths involving opioid analgesics now exceed the sum of deaths involving heroin or cocaine



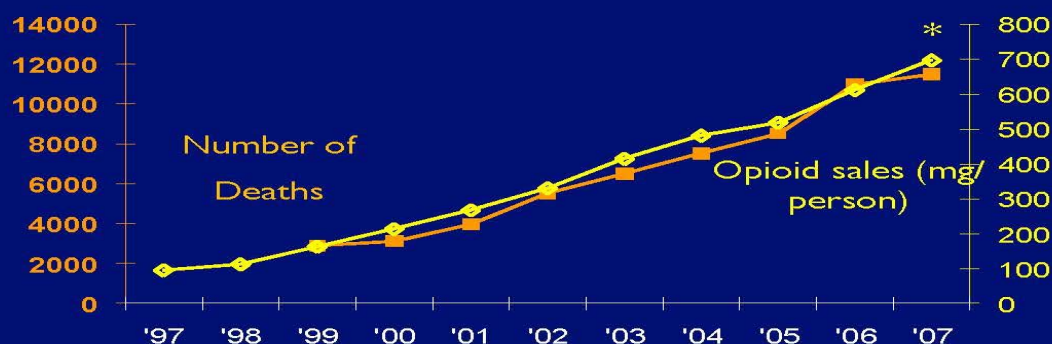
Source: National Vital Statistics system, multiple cause of death dataset

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*The Prescription Drug Overdose Epidemic and the Role of PDMPs in Stopping It, Len Paulozzi, MD, MPH, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*



## 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 DEAARCOS  
 \* 2007 opioid sales figure is preliminary.

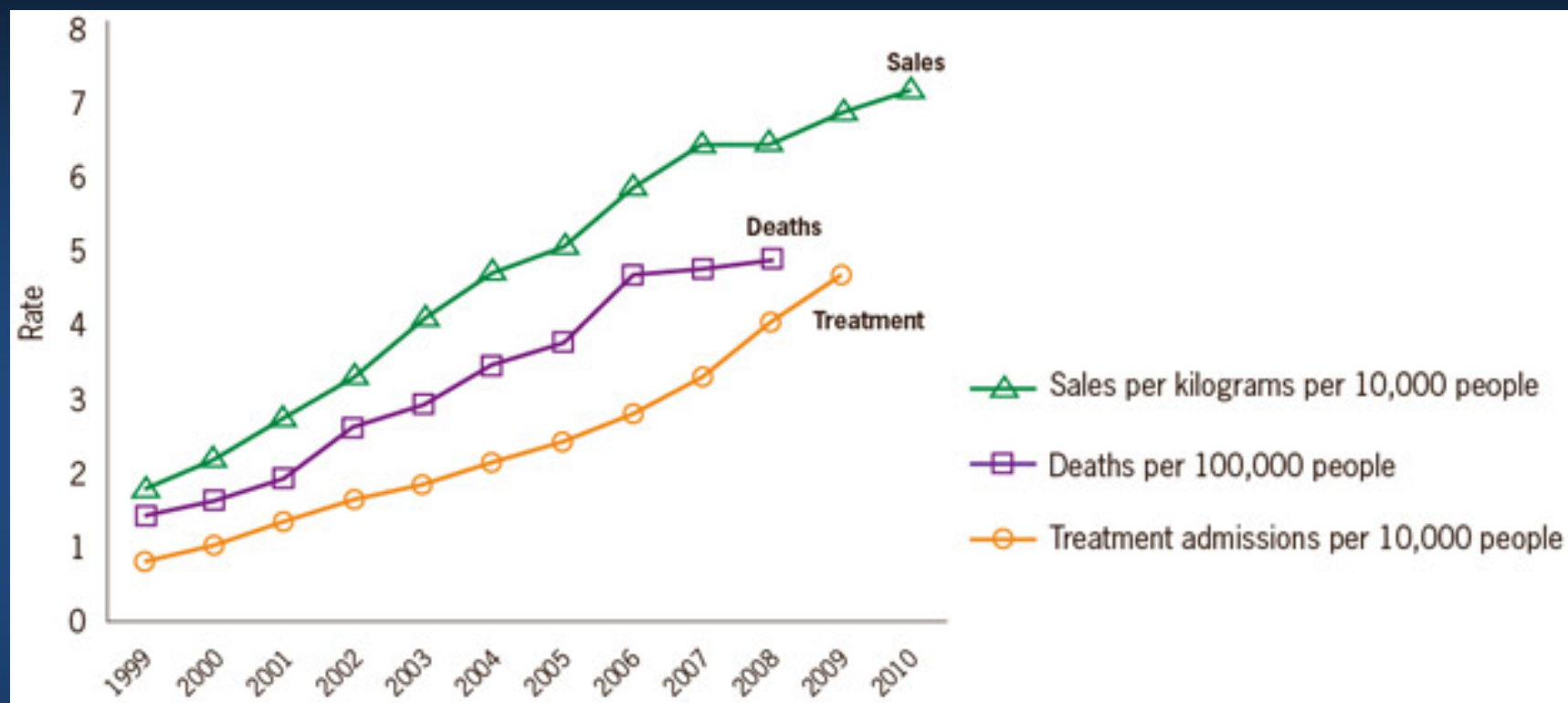
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## Rates of Prescription Painkiller Sales, Deaths and Substance Abuse treatment admissions (1999-2010)



SOURCES: National Vital Statistics System, 1999-2008; Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS) of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 1999-2010; Treatment Episode Data Set, 1999-2009

<http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/PainkillerOverdoses/index.html>





## Two keys to prescription acquisition...

The Prescriber  
The Dispenser





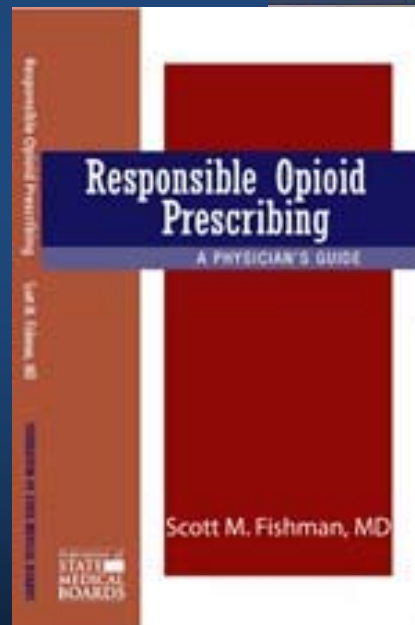
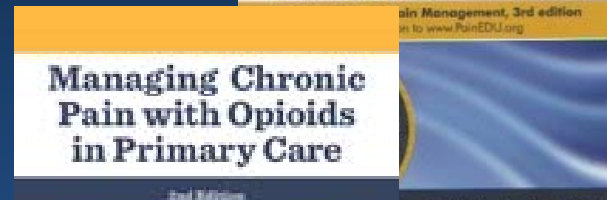
Most prescription painkillers are prescribed by primary care and internal medicine doctors and dentists, not specialists.

Roughly 20% of prescribers prescribe 80% of all prescription painkillers.

*Policy Impact: Prescription Painkiller Overdoses, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Page 7, November 2011*



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# *pdmp* Office of National Drug Control Policy

**Education:** critical for the public and for healthcare providers to increase awareness about the dangers of prescription drug abuse, and about ways to appropriately dispense, store, and dispose of controlled substance medications.

**Tracking and Monitoring:** the enhancement and increased utilization of prescription drug monitoring programs will help to identify “doctor shoppers” and detect therapeutic duplication and drug-drug interactions.

**Proper Medication Disposal:** the development of consumer-friendly and environmentally-responsible prescription drug disposal programs may help to limit the diversion of drugs.

**Enforcement:** provide law enforcement agencies with support and the tools they need to expand their efforts to shut down “pill mills” and to stop “doctor shoppers” who contribute to prescription drug trafficking.

*Epidemic: Responding to America's Prescription Drug Abuse Problem. Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2011, Pages 2-8*





## CDC Prevention Strategies

Prescription Monitoring...

to stop users of multiple providers for the same drug.  
Insurers can contribute substantively.

Improve legislation and enforcement of existing laws...

i.e., anti-doctor shopping and pill mill

Improve medical practice in prescribing opioids...

to update prescribers on under-appreciated risks  
of high-dosage therapy and provide evidence-based  
guidelines

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC Grand Rounds:  
Prescription Drug Overdoses – a U.S. Epidemic, January 13, 2012*



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# “America’s Biggest Drug Problem Isn’t Heroin, It’s Doctors”

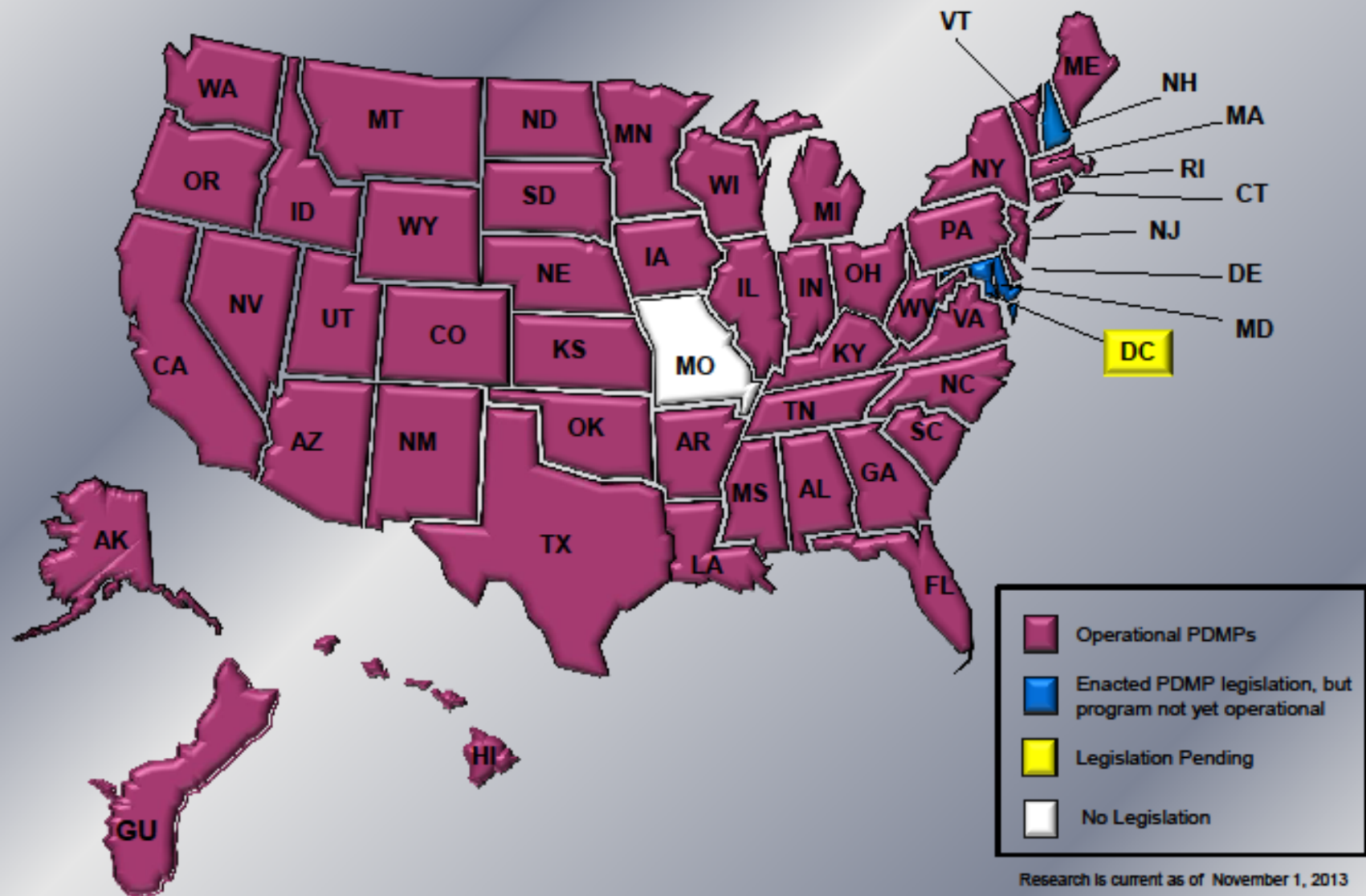
*Governing Magazine, June 2014*



## PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

## Status of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)

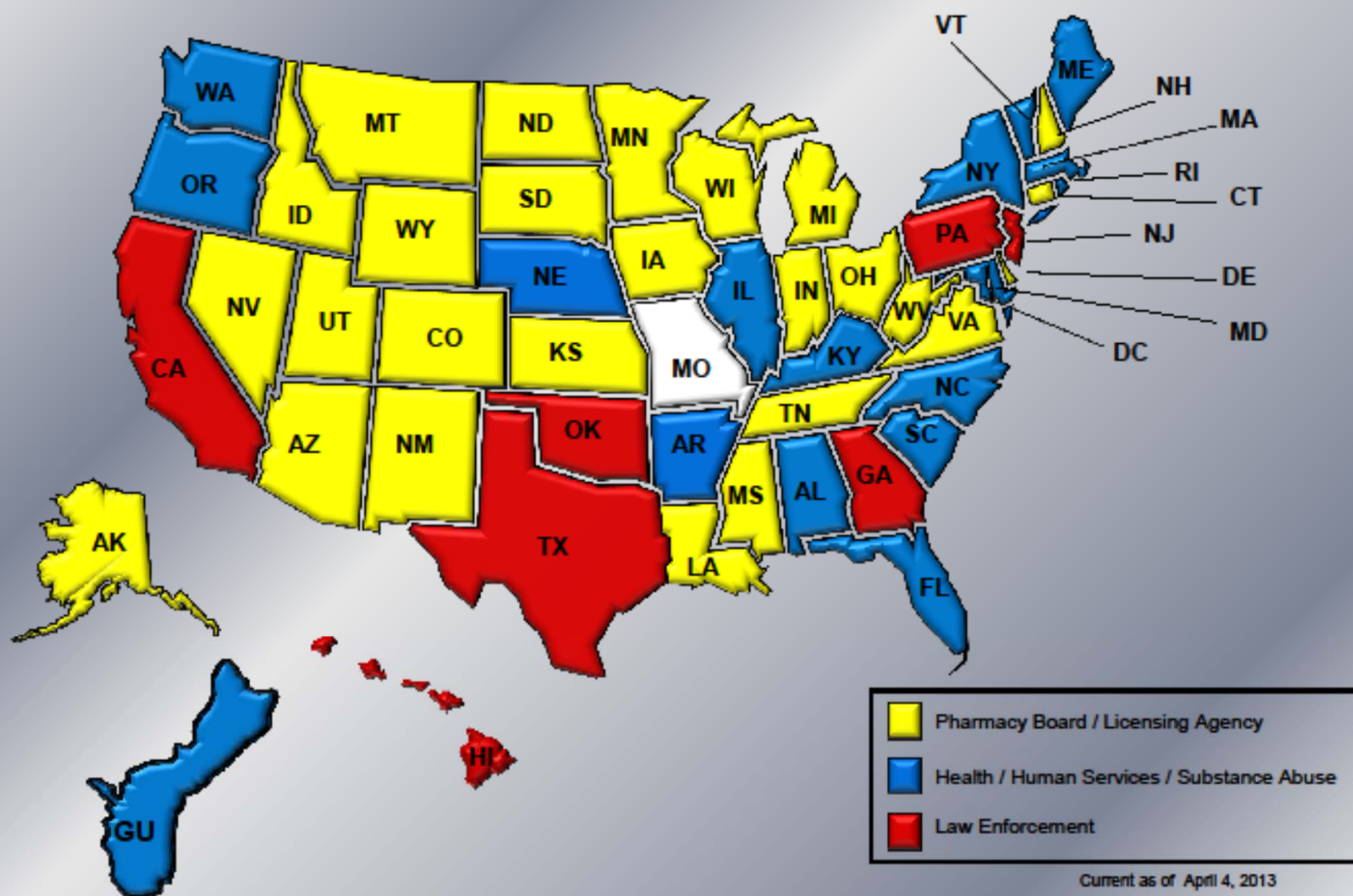
\* To view PDMP Contact information, hover the mouse pointer over the state abbreviation



Research is current as of November 1, 2013

## PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

### Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Agency Types





## *Current CURES/PDMP Program*

- CURES stores and reports Schedule II, III and IV prescription dispensation data reported by dispensers to DOJ.
- Pharmacists are required to report dispensations of Schedules II through IV controlled substances at least weekly.
- In order to reflect exactly what dispensers report to DOJ, the department does not touch or modify dispenser-reported data.
- Presently, the database contains over 100 million entries of controlled substance drugs that have been dispensed in California.





## Current CURES/PDMP Program

- In FY 11/12, the program responded to 1,063,952 requests.
- Provides registered prescribers and dispensers with 6- or 12-month Patient Activity Reports (PAR).
- CURES/PDMP serves the public health and the public safety. CURES data can assist health practitioners identify, intervene, and deter abuse of scheduled drugs. CURES data can assist investigators, regulators, and prosecutors.
- Use of the PDMP by prescribers and dispensers for prescription abuse prevention/intervention is *voluntarily*.





# California PDMP Participation

Dentists	37,494
Medical Physicians	128,697
Optometrists	4,939
Osteopathic Physicians	6,376
Physician Assistants	8,520
Podiatrists	1,918
Registered Nurse	
Midwives (Furnishing)	778
Registered Nurse	
Practitioners (Furnishing)	12,125
Veterinarians	10,985
<b>Prescribers</b>	<b>174,338</b>
<b>Pharmacists</b>	<b>38,293</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>212,631</b>

**PDMP Registrants**                      **27,211**  
(as of 06/27/2014)



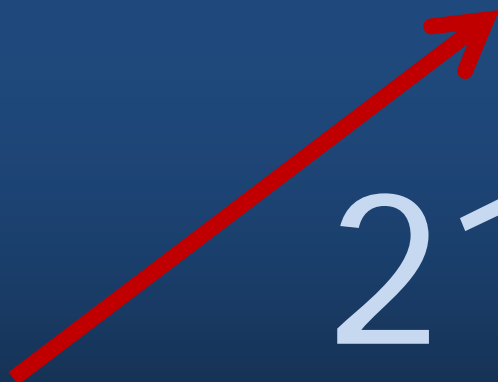
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# 12.80%

June 3, 2014  
25,706 Registrants

# 216%

December, 2011  
8,600 Registrants





## CURES 2.0 Integration / Interoperation

PDMPs need to integrate and interoperate with the major health care systems in their regions.

PDMP data can be rendered by the health care system to be presented with the EHR when the practitioner walks into the exam room to see the patient.





## CURES 2.0

### Integration / Interoperation

Integration/Interoperation will leverage a trust arrangement that the various interoperation partners vet their respective members.

Integration/Interoperation can facilitate peer-to-peer collaboration.

Integration/Interoperation can facilitate “watch” flags across member systems.





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