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PDMP

A Powerful Tool

May, 2014
No reportable financial interest.
“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.”

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

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

The 9/11 Commission Report, Page 417
The 9/11 Commission’s bottom-line recommendation called for a...

Unity of Effort
One fight, one team
2,390 Pearl Harbor Deaths

2,973 9/11 Deaths

> 15,500
Prescription Painkiller Overdose Deaths
CY 2009

http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/MethadoneOverdoses
The Prescription Drug Overdose Epidemic and the Role of PDMPs in Stopping It, Len Paulouzzi, 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 DEA ARCOS
* 2007 opioid sales figure is preliminary.

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


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.
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.

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...

to update insurers on 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:

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

Governing Magazine, June 2014
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.
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  
Prescribers 174,338  
Pharmacists 38,293  
TOTAL 212,631  

PDMP Registrants 27,211  
(as of 06/27/2014)
December, 2011
8,600 Registrants

June 3, 2014
25,706 Registrants

216%

12.80%
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.
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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