



# CURES

Controlled Substances Utilization Review and Evaluation System

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HEALTH SYSTEM

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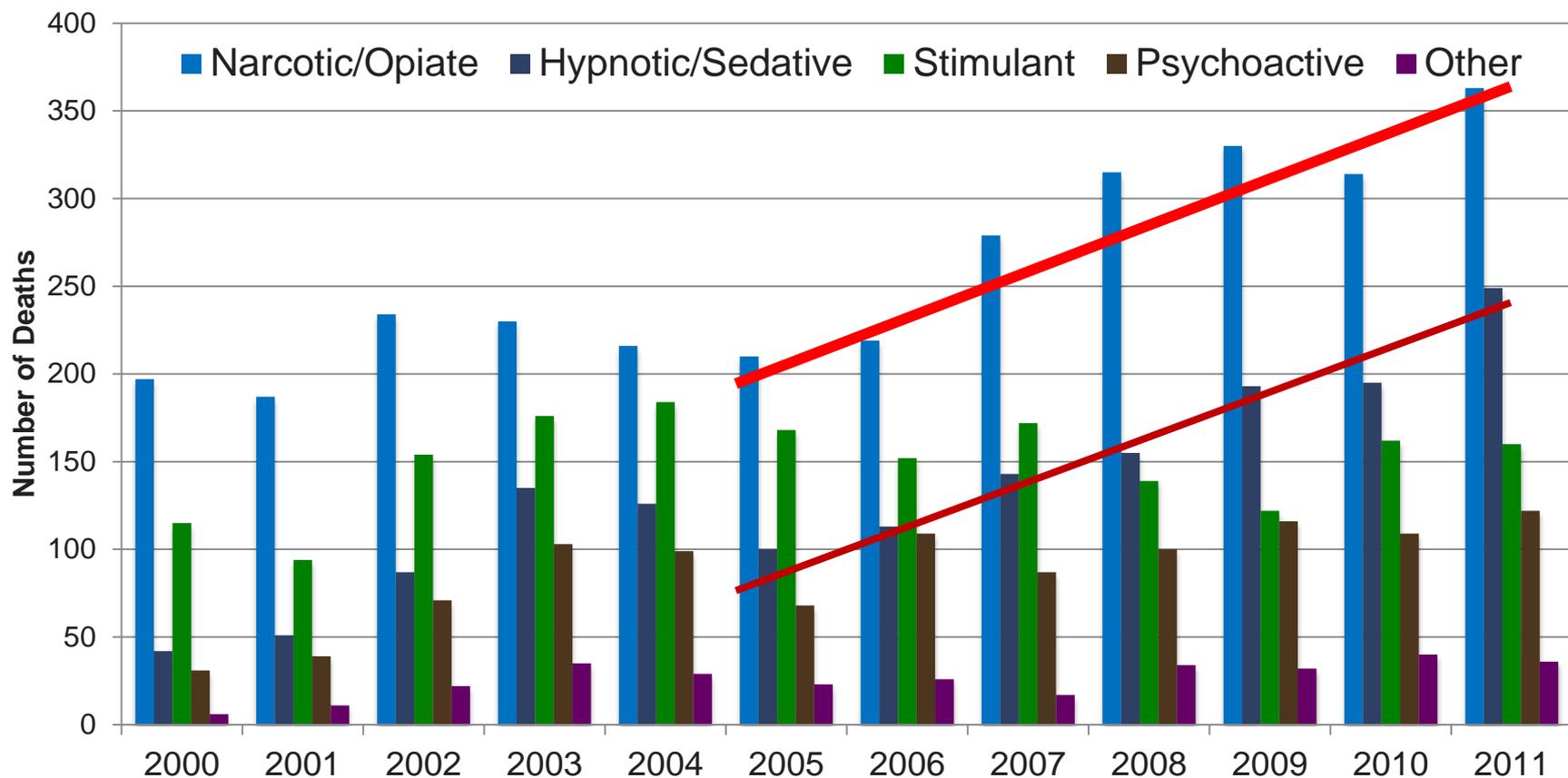
## Fatal drug overdoses in U.S. increase for 11th consecutive year

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# Unintentional Deaths Due To Prescription Medications, 2000 - 2011



# History of Controlled Substance (CS) Reporting in California

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- 1996: AB 3042 Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES)
- 1998 Schedule II Rx data in CURES
- July 1, 2004 **Triplicate Prescription program eliminated in CA**
- Jan.1, 2005, prescriptions for any CS must be issued on CS Rx from an approved security printer. Added CS information CII & CIII included
- Jan. 1, 2007 Added Schedule IV (II-IV reported)

## Benefits of CURES

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- Automated System/web access
- Registered healthcare provider access online
- Improved oversight over paper/triplicate system
- May assist in the investigation and prosecution of serious abuse and misuse
- Uses: Clinical utilization: medications/doses/refill history, MD-Pharmacy shopping, Office personnel transmitting prescriptions for self or others

## Case: What do you do?

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- 42 y/o Male patient at MCC with Dx of Lung Cancer, since 11/11
- Hx: Heroin addiction
- Past Med. Hx: Gabapentin 300 mg q8H, Ambien 5 mg qHS
- Current Rxs: (2/12)
- Meds:
  - Kadian (MS) 100 mg #15 BID (was on 2,000/d)
  - Methadone 15 mg BID
  - Oxycodone 30 mg: 300 mg Q6H prn

# CURES Report (CA Prescription Drug Monitoring Program)

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Needed for Report:

- 1) Patient's name (as filled by pharmacy)
- 2) Date of Birth
- 3) Address helps, but not mandatory
- 4) Report is for up to last 12 months

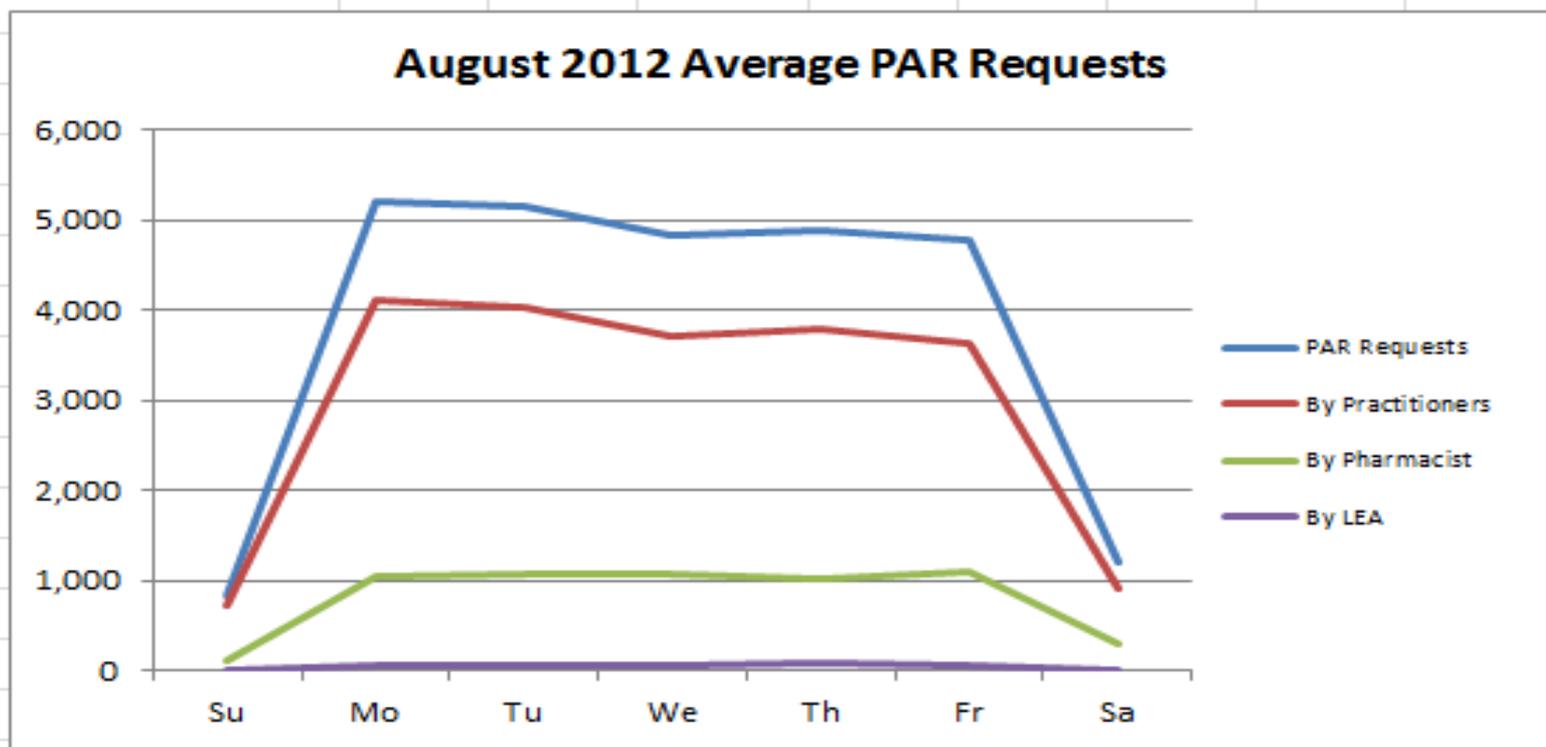
| Date Filled | Name       | DOB | Pt. Address | Drug Name  | Form | Str.  | Qty | PHY   | Dr. DEA # | Drs. Name | Rx# | Refil I # |
|-------------|------------|-----|-------------|------------|------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| 08/05 /2012 | First Last |     |             | Alprazolam | Tab  | 2 mg  | 60  | Rx #  |           | Dr. 1     |     |           |
| 08/24 /2012 |            |     |             | Zolpidem   | Tab  | 10 mg | 30  | Rx #2 |           | Dr. 2     |     |           |
|             |            |     |             |            |      |       |     |       |           | PA 1      |     |           |

## CURES ACCESS

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- Est. Population : CA: >38 million US: 313 million
- 115,000 practitioners, >109,000 CII prescribers
- Over 100,000 licensed physicians & surgeons in CA
- Over 40,000 licensed pharmacists
- Over 5,900 licensed pharmacies
- **Authorized Access to CURES (1/31/13):**
  - **Practitioners: 9,774 (<9%)**
  - **Pharmacists: 2,458 (6.1%)**

# CURFS ACCESS



| <b>August 2012</b>     | <b>Aug</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Approved Applications  | 359        | <b>10,253</b> |
| Approved Practitioners | 203        | <b>7,993</b>  |
| Approved Pharmacists   | 139        | <b>1,628</b>  |
| Approved LEA           | 17         | <b>627</b>    |

# CURES Reports

## The good, bad and ugly

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- Access/Utilization low....why??
- Providers access to CURES website
  - Sign up process includes notary, backlog
- Review and response from agencies.
- Time to review reports and act upon them.
- Communication of concerns (formerly BNE fax system)
- Suspicious Activity? Doctor shopping
- Way to securely transmit reports electronically (email is not used per corporate compliance)

# CURES Report

State of California Department of Justice



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Attorney General

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Logged in, DAFUJIMO

## Patient/Client Activity Report

List of Patients selected (Click on Last Name to see prescription details)

| Last Name  | First Name | DOB        | Address                              |
|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 08-19-1953 | [REDACTED]<br>SAN DIEGO , CA , 92129 |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 08-19-1953 | [REDACTED]<br>SAN DIEGO , CA , 92129 |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 08-19-1953 | [REDACTED]<br>SAN DIEGO , CA , 92129 |

### Patient Details

| Report Date        | Last Name  | First Name | DOB        | Gender | Address                              | # Hits |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 07-02-12 16:01 PDT | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 08-19-1953 | F      | [REDACTED]<br>SAN DIEGO , CA , 92129 | 0      |

### Patient Activity History

No Patient Prescription transactions found for the selected period.

### Comments

Suspicious Activity?

Confidential Comments

# Improvements needed

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No Patient Prescription transactions found for the selected period.

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If "View/Print Consolidated Report" used, three pages of data come up.



Department of Justice - Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement  
Controlled Substance Utilization Review & Evaluation System

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**CONFIDENTIAL  
DOCUMENT**

PATIENT/CLIENT ACTIVITY : CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Prescription Drug Transaction Details :

| Number of Hits: 106 |            | Start Date: 02/19/2012 |            |         |                        |      |         |     | End Date: 02/19/2013 |      |             |            |          |         |
|---------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|---------|------------------------|------|---------|-----|----------------------|------|-------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Date Filled         | First Name | Last Name              | DOB        | Address | Drug Name              | Form | Str     | Qty | PHY Name             | PHY# | Dr.'s DEA # | Dr.'s Name | RX#      | Refill# |
| 02/29/2012          |            |                        | 09/25/1981 |         | AMPHETAMINE SALT COMBO | TAB  | 20 MG   | 60  |                      |      |             |            | 00669741 | 0       |
| 02/29/2012          |            |                        | 09/25/1981 |         | ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE      | TER  | 12.5 MG | 15  |                      |      |             |            | 00665897 | 1       |
| 03/06/2012          |            |                        | 09/25/1981 |         | OXYCONTIN              | TER  | 80 MG   | 180 |                      |      |             |            | 12549887 | 0       |
| 03/07/2012          |            |                        | 09/25/1981 |         | OXYCONTIN              | TER  | 80 MG   | 12  |                      |      |             |            | 00672187 | 0       |
| 03/14/2012          |            |                        | 09/25/1981 |         | ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE      | TER  | 12.5 MG | 15  |                      |      |             |            | 00674271 | 0       |
| 03/14/2012          |            |                        | 09/25/1981 |         | DIAZEPAM               | TAB  | 10 MG   | 60  |                      |      |             |            | 00674272 | 0       |

## CURES Report: 12 month

Total # of "Hits": 106

Prescriptions: 86

Total # of MDs: 3

Total # of Pharmacies: 8

## Two days from previous CURES report:

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Meds Feb. 2012: (2 MD Prescribers)

Amphetamine Salt Combo. 20 mg, #60

Zolpidem 12.5 mg #15

OxyContin 60 mg #180 (Mail order Rx)

Oxycodone 10 mg #90

Meds up to Feb 15, 2013 (1 MD Prescriber)

Zolpidem 12.5 mg #15 Grocery Chain Rx

Diazepam 10 mg #60 **(2/5/13)** Local Discount Rx

OxyContin 60 mg #210 (Mail order filled 1/30)

Oxycodone 15mg #180 Rx Chain #1

Diazepam 10 mg #60 **(2/6/13)** Rx Chain #1

Zolpidem 12.5 mg #30 Big Box Chain

## Ideal System/Access Upgrades

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- Complete, accurate, timely data
- Ability to generate summaries and reports
- Professional expert review for process improvement
- Regulatory oversight to ensure reporting from all sources.
  - Consider adding maintenance clinic data so that prescribers could validate doses and participation in clinics.
  - Evaluate MD dispensing of controlled substances and reporting (i.e. testosterone?)
- Access to interstate data on patients/prescribers
- Add Schedule V?

## Ideal System/Access Upgrades

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- Prescribers receive CURES access with their DEA registration.
- Health system licensee access?
- Online/real time access to data (Similar to insurance payers data)
- Proactive warning to prescribers when using electronic orders for patients.
- Professional Guidance/Best Practice for use of PDMP



# Pharmacist's Manual

An Informational Outline of the  
Controlled Substances Act