

# Federal Law, Regulations, and Dispensing Controlled Substances



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### Goals and Objectives

- Recognizing the extent of the epidemic and the controlled substances most commonly abused
- Understanding the Closed System of Distribution enforced by the DEA
- The importance of inventories, records, reports, and inspections
- Recognizing and preventing common methods of diversion
- Introduction to Resources available to Practitioners



# Public Health Epidemic

In 2015, there were 52,404 drug overdose deaths,

- ...one death every 10.06 minutes,
- ...approximately 143 per day,
- ...22,598 were due to prescription opioid pain relievers



# Public Health Epidemic

In 2016, there were 63,632 drug overdose deaths,

- ...one death every 8.28 minutes,
- ...approximately 174 per day,
- ...42,249 were due to opioids



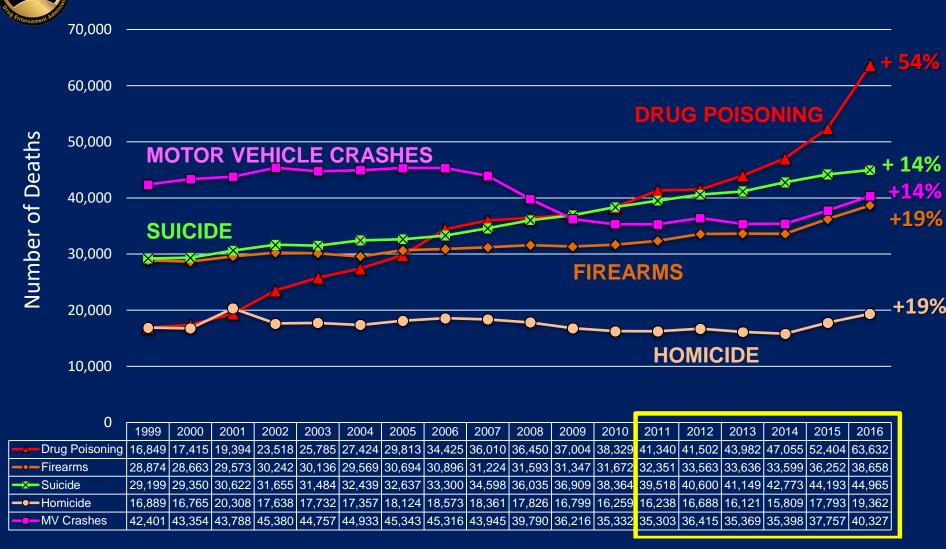


# Drug Poisoning Deaths, 1999-2016



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. *Underlying Cause of Death 1999-*2016 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 2017. Data on drug poisoning deaths were extracted by ONDCP from http://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10.html on December 21, 2017.

#### Causes of Injury Death 1999-2016



NOTE: Suicide and homicide include deaths by drug poisoning or firearms

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. *Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2016* on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 2017. Data on drug poisoning deaths were extracted by ONDCP from http://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10.html on December 21, 2017.

# Ten Most Commonly Prescribed Controlled Substances in the U.S.

- Hydrocodone Clonazepam
- Oxycodone
- Alprazolam
- Tramadol
- Zolpidem

- Lorazepam
- Dextroamphetamine
- Codeine
- Methylphenidate

# The Most Common Drugs Involved in Prescription Opioid Overdose Deaths

Hydrocodone

Oxycodone

Methadone

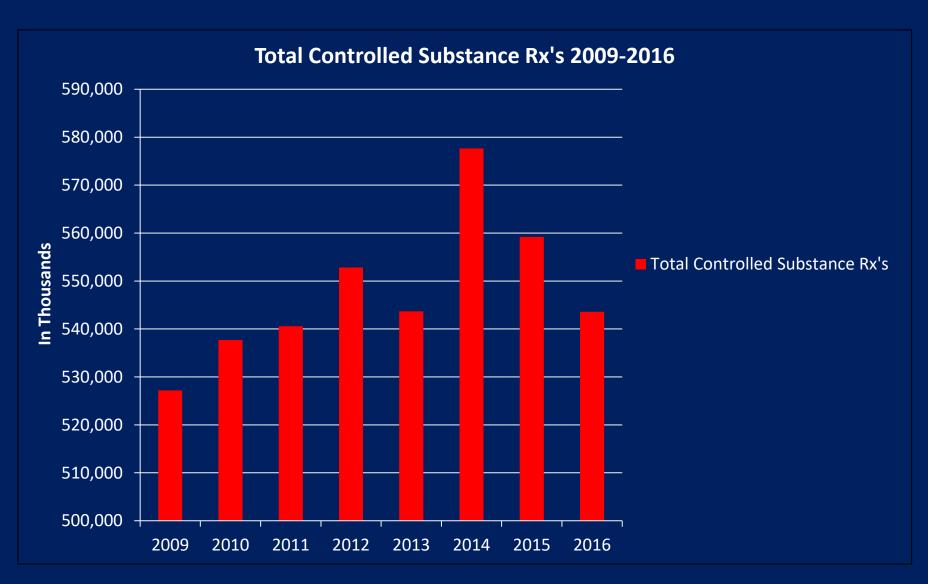


# On <u>Average</u> (From 2009-2016)

# What % of All Prescriptions Filled By A Pharmacy Involve Controlled Substances?

13.10 %

### Total Controlled Substance Rx's

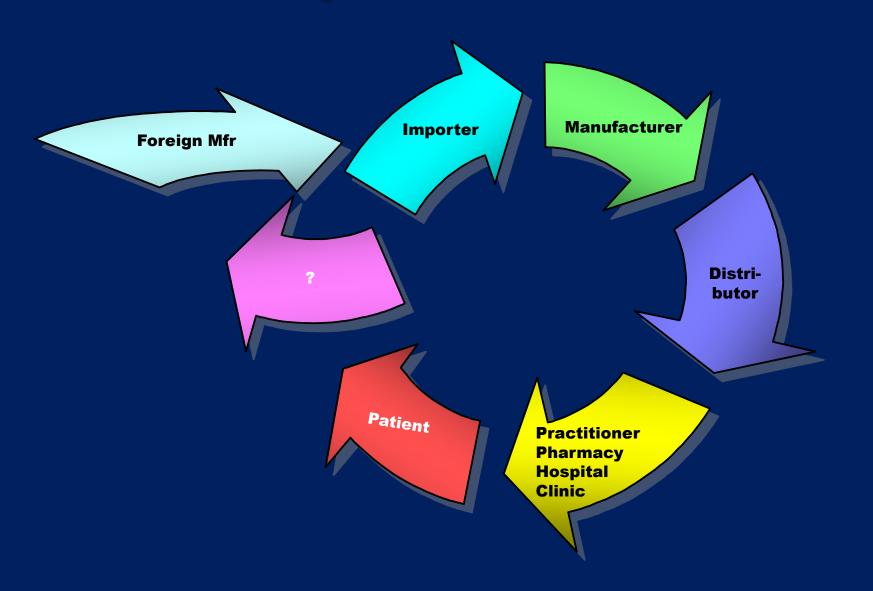




# "Controlled Substances Act"

• In 1973 it created a system of controls for the legitimate manufacture, distribution, import, export, dispensing, and prescribing of controlled substances for legitimate medical, commercial, scientific, and research needs.

# Closed System of Distribution





# **Closed System**

- DEA is responsible for
  - -the oversight of the system
  - -the integrity of the system,
  - -the <u>protection</u> of the public health and safety.

# Closed System of Distribution



# 21 U.S.C. § 822 (a)(2)

• Persons Required to Register:

• "Every person who <u>dispenses</u> ... any Controlled Substance ..."



# 21 U.S.C. § 827

### All DEA Registrants Must:

- Make and Keep <u>Inventories</u>
- Make and Keep Records
- Make and Keep Reports
- Provide Effective Controls to Prevent Diversion



# 21 U.S.C. § 827

# Inventories, Records, And Reports <u>Must</u> <u>Be</u>:

- -In a Form as Required By Regulation
- -Readily Retrievable
- -Complete and Accurate
- -Kept for Two Years



### 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...



### Mission

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



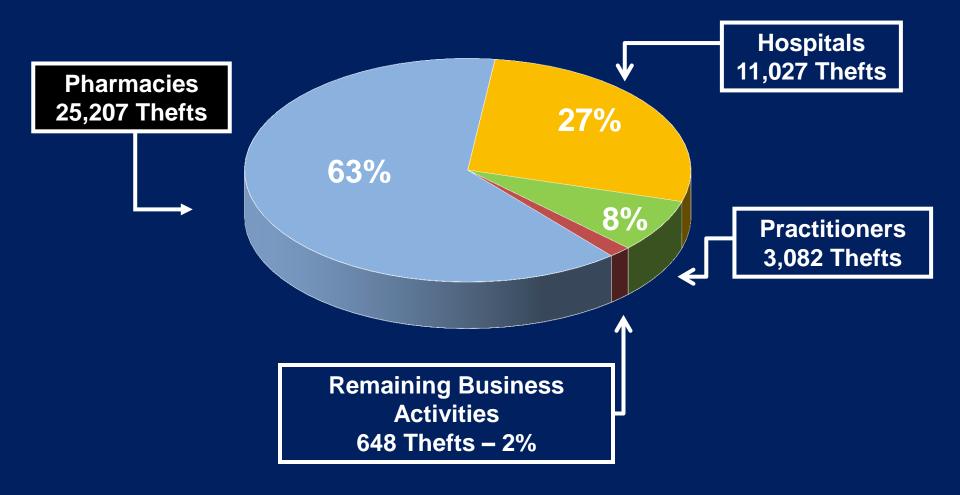
### What is "Diversion"?

The movement of legitimate controlled substances and chemicals into other than legitimate medical, scientific, research, or industrial channels. It can happen anytime, anyplace.

#### **Nationwide Reported Thefts**

(Armed Robbery, Employee Pilferage and Night Break-In Only)

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2016



Source: DTL Date Prepared: 01/31/2017



### Inventories

Initial Inventory

Biennial Inventory

Newly Controlled Drugs



### **Initial Inventory**

- Inventory of all Stocks of CS
- On The Date: <u>First Engage</u> in the Dispensing of Controlled Substances
- Should Be Labeled "Initial Inventory"
- Nothing on Hand: Record "0"
- 21 CFR 1304.11 (b)



# **Biennial Inventory**

- After the Initial Inventory
- New Inventory Every Two Years
- On Any Date Which is Within Two Years of The Previous Inventory Date
- Should Be Labeled "Biennial Inventory"
- Nothing on Hand: Record "0"
- 21 CFR 1304.11 (c)



# Newly Controlled Substances

- For Any Newly Controlled Substances
- Inventory of all stocks on hand
- On The Effective Date of The Rule
- 21 CFR 1304.11 (d)



# Records: General Requirements

- Maintain on a Current Basis...
- Complete and Accurate Record of Each Substance...Manufactured, Imported, Exported, Received, Sold, Delivered, or Otherwise Disposed of
- 21 CFR 1304.21 (a)



# Records: General Requirements

- Schedule I & II:
- Inventories and Records Shall Be Maintained <u>Separately</u> from All Other Records
- 21 CFR 1304.04 (f)(1);(h)(1)



## Records: General Requirements

• Schedules III, IV, & V

• Separate from All Other Records or "Readily Retrievable"

-Separated Out from all other Records in a Reasonable Time Period.



• Separate Records.. For Each Registered Location.

• 21 CFR 1304.21 (b)



### Records: Dispensing

- Name of CS, Form, Quantity, Strength
- Number of Units or Volume of Finished Form Dispensed
- Name, Address of the Person to Whom It Was Dispensed.
- Date of Dispensing



### **Records: Dispensing**

 Written or Typewritten Name or Initials of the Individual Who Dispensed or Administered the Substance on Behalf of the Dispenser

- Amount Disposed of in Any Other Manner
- 21 CFR 1304.22 (c)



### **Dates** for Records

• Dates Must be the <u>Actual Date</u> of Transfer (Received, Imported, Exported, Distributed, or Otherwise Transferred ...)

• 21 CFR 1304.21 (d)



### DEA Form 222

DEA's Official Order Form (DEA Form 222) is Required to be used for Each Transfer of a Controlled Substance in Schedules I & II



### 21 CFR 1301.76 (b)

• The registrant shall notify the Field Division Office of the Administration in his area of any theft or significant loss of any controlled substances within one business day of discovery.



### 21 CFR 1301.76 (b)

- The registrant shall also complete, and submit DEA Form 106...
- "Significant Loss" is also defined here.
- Reporting is On-Line or DEA Form 106.



### Theft/Loss of CS

- Theft Should also be Reported to Local Police with Jurisdiction where the Theft Occurred.
- Also Reported to Any State Agency Which May Also Require Such Reports



### 21 CFR 1304.04

## Must Keep Inventories, Records, and Reports for Two Years



### 21 C.F.R. § 1306.04 (a)

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 his or her professional practice.



### 21 C.F.R. § 1306.04(a)

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 C.F.R. § 1306.04(a)

An order purporting to be a prescription issued <u>not in the usual course of professional treatment</u>... is not a prescription...

The pharmacist is not required to fill a controlled substance prescription



- §1306.03 Persons entitled to issue prescriptions.
- (a) A prescription for a controlled substance may be issued only by an individual practitioner who is:
- (1) authorized to prescribe controlled substances by the jurisdiction in which he is licensed to practice his profession and
- (2) either registered or exempted from registration pursuant to Secs. 1301.22 (c) and 1301.23 of this chapter.



• (b) A prescription issued by an individual practitioner may be communicated to a pharmacist by an employee or agent of the individual practitioner.



• (f) A prescription may be prepared by the secretary or agent for the signature of a practitioner, but the prescribing practitioner is responsible in case the prescription does not conform in all essential respects to the law and regulations.



- §1306.05 Manner of issuance of prescriptions.
- (a) All prescriptions for controlled substances shall be dated as of, and signed on, the day when issued and shall bear the full name and address of the patient, the drug name, strength, dosage form, quantity prescribed, directions for use, and the name, address and registration number of the practitioner.

(d) A practitioner may sign a paper prescription in the same manner as he would sign a check or legal document (e.g., J.H. Smith or John H. Smith). Where an oral order is not permitted, paper prescriptions shall be written with ink or indelible pencil, typewriter, or printed on a computer printer and shall be manually signed by the practitioner.

• (e) Electronic prescriptions shall be created and signed using an application that meets the requirements of 21 C.F.R. part 1311.



### **Points of Diversion**

- Nurses
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Dental Assistants
- Office Managers
- Cashiers
- General Maintenance Personnel



### **Points of Diversion**

- Fraudulent "Call-In" Prescriptions
- Forged Prescriptions
- Employee Theft
- Armed Robbery
- Burglary



### **Effective Controls**

21 C.F.R. § 1301.71(a)

"All applicants and registrants shall provide <u>effective controls</u> and <u>procedures</u> to guard against theft and diversion of controlled substances."



### **Effective Controls**

21 C.F.R. § 1301.75 (b):

Controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, IV, and V shall be stored in a securely locked, substantially constructed cabinet.



- Pre-Employment Screening
  - Background Checks
  - Drug Screening
- Updated Background Checks (Every 3-5 Years)
- Random Drug Screening



- SOP's for Handling CS
- Limited Access to CS
- Limited Access to Alarms, Keys, and Pass Codes
- Limited Access to Dispensing Areas
- Physical Security (Cameras, PB's)



- Cameras in areas where CS are being dispensed
- Complete and Accurate Dispensing Records
- Periodic Physical Inventories
- Medications to be Administered by Authorized Personnel Only as Expressly Authorized by an Individual Practitioner



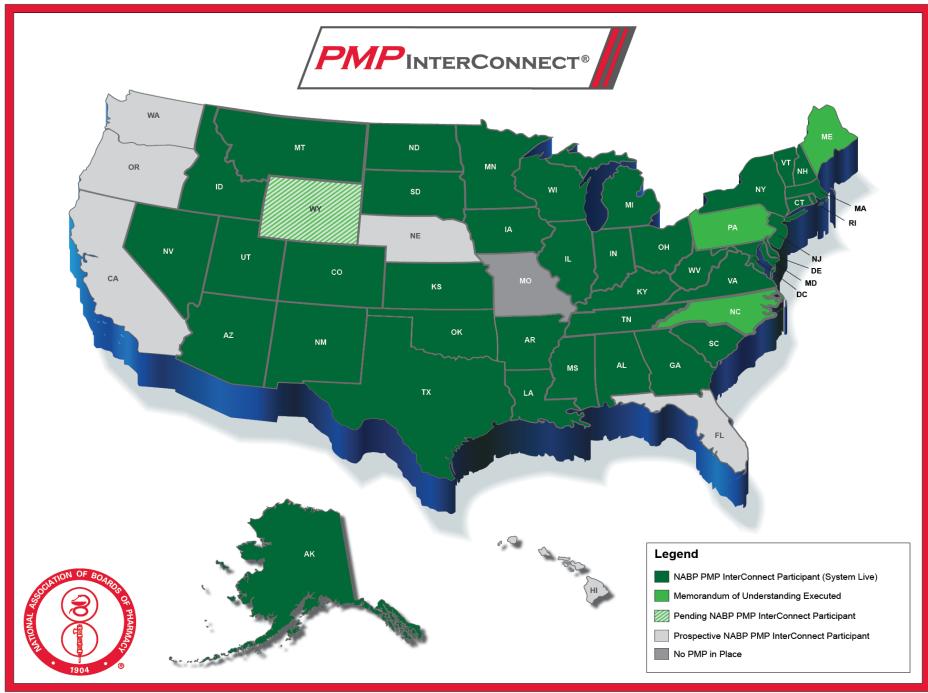
 Do not create a work environment that condones self use

 Be aware of what pharmaceuticals or combination of pharmaceuticals are being sought

Know how to contact your local DEA office



# All DEA Registered Practitioners should secure their prescription pads when not in use





### Take-Back of Medications

Once a CS has been Dispensed to the Ultimate User it becomes the Legal Property of the Patient.

It cannot be re-distributed unless otherwise permitted for by Federal Law/DEA Disposal Regulations.



# The Medicine Cabinet and and Pharmaceutical Controlled Substances



### Many Patients Share Prescribed Controlled Substances

**University of Pennsylvania Dental School Study:** 

\*More than half of the narcotics prescribed for wisdom teeth removal go unused...findings suggest that more than 100 million pills prescribed go unused... leaving the door open for possible misuse or abuse.



### **National Take Back Initiative**

NTBI XV

Saturday April 28, 2018



### **Drug Disposal**

21 C.F.R. § 1317.05(a)(b)

<u>Inventory</u>

VS

(Pharmaceutical Waste)



### **Resources for Patients**

www.drugdropbox.org www.disposemymeds.org www.sharpsinc.com/locations www.fda.gov (Search: Disposal) www.epa.gov (Search: Disposal)

## Partial Fills Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-198)

Effective: July 22, 2016

- Additional Options for Patient/Practitioner
- Patient does not have to take the Full Amount of Prescribed Quantity
- 30 days to Take All if So Desired.



### DIVERSION CONTROL DIVISION

Search

ABOUT US

HOME REGISTRATION REPORTING Report Illicit Pharmaceutical Activities RX Abuse Online Reporting

### Registration Support

RESOURCES

Call: 1-800-882-9539 (8:30 am-5:50 pm ET) Email: DEA.Registration.Help@usdoj.gov

**Locate Field Registration Specialists** 

**New Applications** 

Renewal Applications

Registration Changes (Address, Drug Code, Name, Schedule)

CMEA (Combat Meth Epidemic Act)

Registration for Disposal of Controlled Substances

**Duplicate Certificate Request** 

Duplicate Receipt of Registration

Order Forms (DEA 222)

Registration Validation

Search for an Authorized Collector Location

### What's New

30-Day Notice (Extension): Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substance; DEA Form 106 (July 18, 2017)

30-Day Notice (Extension): Self-Certification, Training, and Logbooks for Regulated Sellers and Mail-Order Distributors of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products; DEA Form 597 (July 18, 2017)

30-Day Notice (Extension): Registrant Record of Controlled Substances Destroyed; DEA Form 41 (July 18, 2017)

Final Rule: Designation of Alpha-Phenylacetoacetonitrile (APAAN) as a List I Chemical (July 14, 2017)

Temporary Scheduling Order: Temporary Placement of Acryl Fentanyl Into Schedule I (July 14, 2017)

Proposed Rule: Removal of Naldemedine From Control (July 12, 2017)

### DEA Forms & Applications







### **Ouick Links**

ARCOS (Automation of Reports & Consolidated Orders System)

**Cases Against Doctors** 

**Chemical Control Program** 

Controlled Substance Schedules

CSOS (Controlled Substances Ordering System)

EPCS (Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances)

DEA Form 106: Report Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances

Drug Theft/Loss Reports for 2014-2016

Find Your Local DEA Office

Mailing Addresses for Topics Related to Title 21 CFR

**Medical Missions** 

Submit a Tip to DEA

### In The News

Safeway Pharmacies Pay \$3 Million to Resolve Allegations Chain Failed to Timely Report Drug Diversion (July 18, 2017)

Northern California Doctor Indicted (July 13, 2017)

National Health Care Fraud Takedown: Charges Against Over 412 Individuals Responsible for \$1.3 Billion in Fraud (July 13, 2017)

13.5 Million Lethal Doses of Fentanyl: California Man Indicted in DEA-Kansas Highway Patrol Investigation (July 06, 2017)



**National Prescription Drug** TAKE BACK DAY

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal October 28, 2017



Report Illicit Pharmaceutical Activities RX ABUSE ONLINE



### Resources

### www.DEADiversion.usdoj.gov

www.dea.gov

www.operationprevention.com

"Chasing the Dragon"



### www.cdc.gov

"Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain"

"Checklist for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain"

https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/ prescribing/trainings.html



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### Thank You





### Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) Training

PCSS is a collaborative effort led by the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) in partnership with the: Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC); American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP); American Academy of Neurology (AAN); American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM); American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP); American College of Physicians (ACP); American Dental Association (ADA); American Medical Association (AMA); American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine (AOAAM); American Psychiatric Association (APA); American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA); American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM); American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN); Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA); International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA); National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC); National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), and the Southeast Consortium for Substance Abuse Training (SECSAT).

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