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The Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement: Mission, Overview, & Initiatives

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The Bureau

- 1850's Bureau of Habit Forming Drugs
- 1919 Department of Narcotic Drug Control
- 1933 Bureau of Narcotic Control
- 1972 Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement
- 1985 Bureau of Controlled Substances
- 2004 Bureau Of Narcotic Enforcement



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The Mission

- **1. To combat illegal use of and trade in controlled substances**
- **2. To allow legitimate use of controlled substances in health care, including palliative care; . . . and other uses authorized by this article or other law . . .**



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Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement – Responsibilities:

1. Prevent Diversion Through Investigation & Enforcement
2. Data Collection, Analysis, & Reporting -- PMP
3. Licensing/Regulation/Help Desk
4. Medical Marijuana Program
5. Policy Initiatives, Outreach, Education



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WHO DIVERTS ?

All facets of society; prescription drug abuse knows no social or economic boundaries.

Rule of thumb: All you need is a prescription or know someone with one.

It's estimated that more than 100,000 physicians, nurses, techs and other healthcare employees are drug addicts, according to federal data. Studies estimate that 1 in 10 healthcare workers have suffered from substance abuse during their lives.

Source: Outpatient Surgery News and Trends > General Surgical News and Reports Published: April 16, 2014



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DIVERSION/THEFT

Healthcare facilities e.g. Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Long term care etc.

- Waste
- Sharps Containers
- Substitution; pills, patches and solutions
- False orders
- Removal of Fentanyl patches
- Theft of blank prescriptions
- Automated Dispensing Systems (ADS)
- Drug Destructions



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CRIME ASSOCIATED WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Pharmacies

- Robberies
- Burglaries
- Forged Prescriptions/Telephone RX's (MD Impersonation)
- Employee Pilferage
- Sign and Go Deliveries/Pickups
- Computer Crimes



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CRIME ASSOCIATED WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Provider's Offices

- Burglaries
- Blank Prescription Thefts
- Telephone Scripts
- Identity Thefts
- Computer Crimes



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CRIME ASSOCIATED WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Residences

- Burglaries
- Rummage Sales/Open Houses
- Home Care Aides, Hospice
- Residences

Manufacturers/Distributor's

- Transit; Contract deliveries thefts
- Employee Pilferage
- Sign and Go Deliveries/Pickups



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PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

PDMPs are a valuable tool in successfully conducting these prescription drug diversion investigations.

They have assisted law enforcement for years in pursuing investigation of issues ranging from doctor-shopper and pill-mill cases to more complex investigations of organized crime rings.



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Other Uses of PMP Data

- Inform prescribers and pharmacists of patient's recent controlled substance prescription activity via the PMP Registry;
- Decrease multiple-provider episodes (Dr. shoppers);
- Present aggregate data to inform public health initiatives.



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History of the Prescription Monitoring Program Registry (PMP)

- 1972 - pharmacies required to report dispensed controlled substance prescription information - Schedule II drugs only
- June, 2005 - pharmacies required to report dispensed controlled substances prescription records - Schedules II-V - monthly
- April, 2006 - all prescriptions required to be written on the New York State serialized and forge-proof Official Prescription Form (with limited exceptions). Basis for data collected for inclusion on the PMP registry
- February, 2010 - On-Line PMP is available to prescribers
- August 27, 2013 – The updated PMP goes live
 - Pharmacies and dispensing practitioners required to report all controlled substance prescription data daily
 - Prescribers are required to access the PMP prior to writing a controlled substance prescription
 - Pharmacists are allowed to view the PMP Registry prior to dispensing a controlled substance prescription
- March, 2016 – The e-prescribing mandate in effect



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Early PMP Usage

- In February 2010, BNE implemented a PMP that provided secure, online access to patients' recent controlled substance prescription histories.
- Available to practitioners only, 24 hours a day/7 days a week and was underused.



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Prescription Drug Reform Act 2012

- I-STOP
- Electronic Prescribing Mandate
- Controlled Substance Schedule Changes
- Safe Disposal Program



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Changes in Prescribing Behavior

Comparison of opioid prescribing during the year prior to mandated PMP use and year post implementation:

- 8.72% decrease in total prescriptions;
- 10.4% decrease in patients w/ a prescription;
- 10.3% decrease in total quantity dispensed;
- Largest decreases in prescriptions were codeine 5 (-24%), hydrocodone (-17.7%) and codeine 3 (-14.3%);
- Increases in prescriptions for fentanyl (3.5%), morphine (2.2%) and oxycodone (0.2%).



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Changes in Prescribing Behavior

Hydrocodone

- 17.7% decrease in prescriptions;
- 16.3% decrease in patients with a prescription;
- 16.44% decrease in total doses dispensed.

Oxycodone

- 0.2% increase in prescriptions;
- 1.6% increase in patients with a prescription;
- 2.98% decrease in total doses dispensed.



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PMP Utilization

- 2/16/2010 through 8/26/13
 - 19,000 users performed 950,000 searches for 202,714 patients
- 8/27/13 through 3/28/17
 - 102,670 unique users performed over 63.2 million searches for over 13.3 million unique patients
 - 18,365,222 searches occurred in 2016 alone
 - Over 47 searches have been handled per second



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PDMP Data

- Be aware of the associated legal processes and access guidelines necessary to obtain such information.
 - Subpoenas
 - Demand Letters
 - Requests



PDMP Data

- **Patient Report**—A list of controlled substance prescriptions issued and dispensed to a patient.
- **Prescriber or Dispenser Report**—A list showing the controlled substance prescribing/dispensing history of a selected prescriber or dispenser being investigated.
- **Geographical Report**—An area or state map with points plotted for the distances a patient travels to obtain prescriptions OR “hot spots” for different prescription activities.



E-Rx: By the Numbers

- NY accounted for 13,276,656 of the 116,597,067 **new** electronic prescriptions in the nation or over 11%.
- In September 2016, EPCS in NY accounted for almost half of the EPCS in the nation.
- NY leads the nation in the number of prescriptions that are electronically prescribed.



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Doctor Shopping Incidents Down

- 1Q 2016: Doctor-shopping incidents down about 90% from 8/27/13 -- when checking the PMP became mandatory for all controlled substance prescriptions.
- 2Q 2016 (First full quarter of e-prescribing): Doctor-shopping incidents down 98%. Sustained through 4Q 2016.



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The NYS PMP: Looking Ahead

- Interoperable with 14 States & D.C:
CT, IN, MA, MN, ND, NH, NJ, OH, PA, RI, SC, VT, VA, Washington, D.C. and WV;
adding more all the time.
- Now displaying 12 months patient history.
- Date dispensed=date sold, not date filled.
- Adding MME display.



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Opioid-related Data in New York State

<https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/opioid/>

- Opioid overdose information: deaths, emergency department (ED) visits, and hospitalizations by county in quarterly reports
- Prevalence of illicit drug use and the use of nonmedical pain relievers
- County data in table, graph and map formats



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