

WVUMedicine Resident Orientation

June 20, 2017

PREScriBER BEWARE:

Medication Misuse in West Virginia

OBJECTIVES

- Describe “pill” problem in West Virginia
- Equip you to not contribute to this problem

IMPROPER PRESCRIBING

- Usually due to lack of knowledge
- Potential for arrest
- Actions by licensing boards increased



MISUSE



Opioid Epidemic

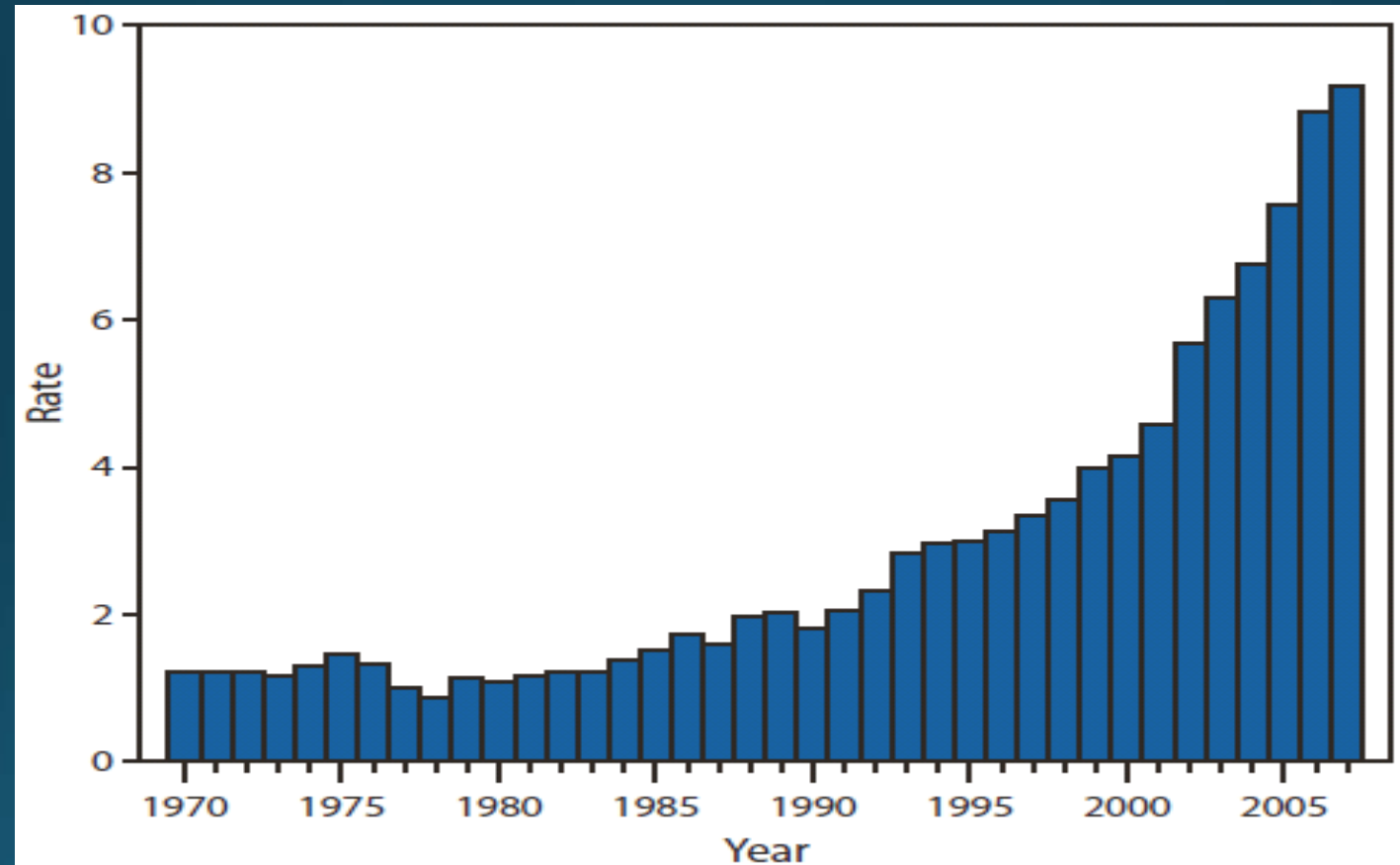
- Deaths from drug overdose have risen steadily over the past two decades and have become the leading cause of injury death in the United States₁
 - 33,091 opioid deaths in 2015
 - 90 deaths/day₃
- 1999 to 2013, the rate for drug poisoning deaths involving **opioid analgesics** nearly quadrupled₂
- Among drug overdose deaths in 2013, approximately 37 percent involved **prescription opioids**₂
- West Virginia led the country in deaths due to drug overdose with **41.5 deaths** in 2015₃

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) [online]. 2014. Retrieved from: <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html>

2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. QuickStats: Rates of Deaths from Drug Poisoning and Drug Poisoning Involving Opioid Analgesics—United States, 1999–2013. MMWR Weekly. Retrieved from: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6403a10.htm>

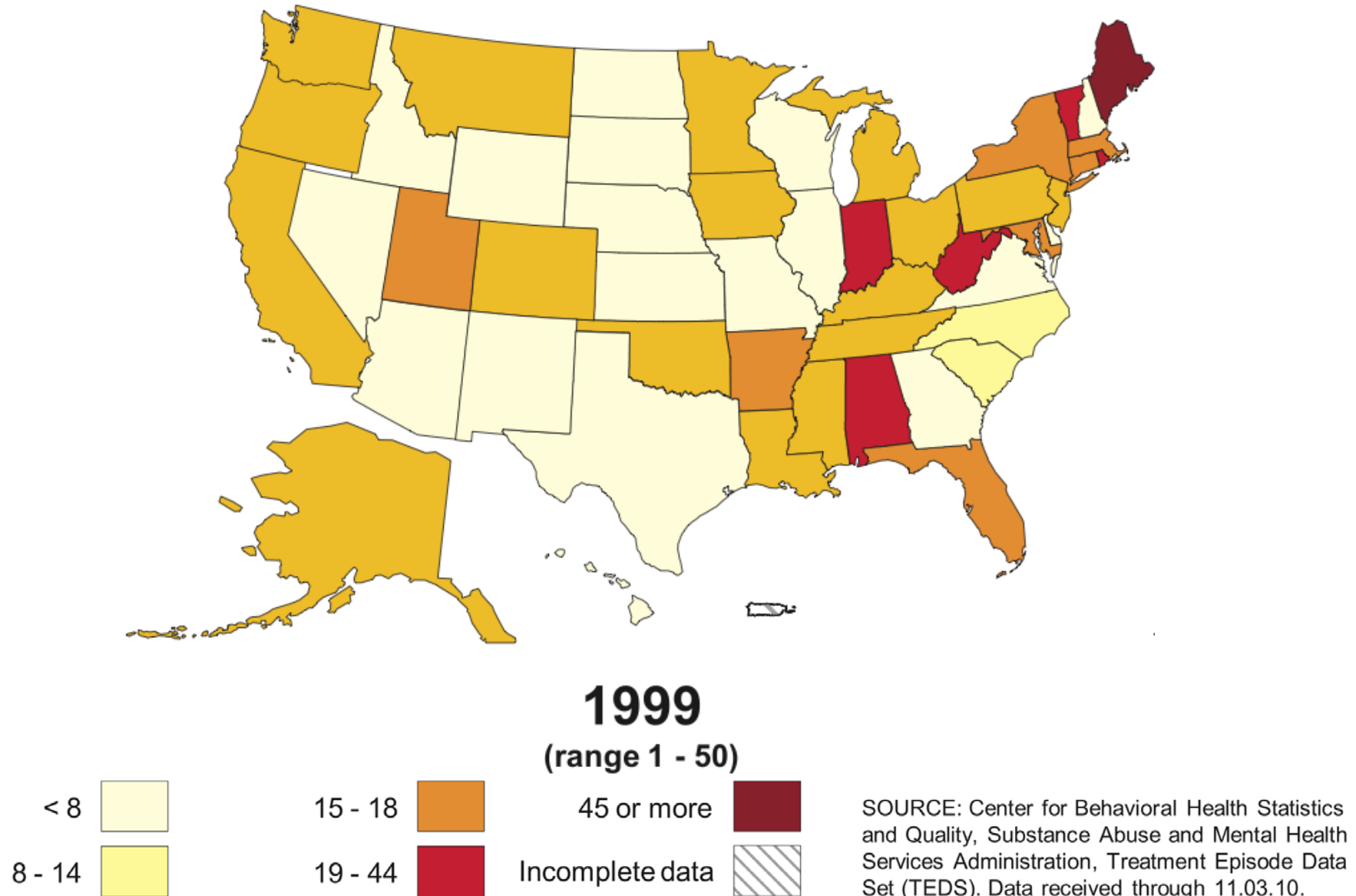
3. <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/data/statedeaths.html>

UNINTENTIONAL OVERDOSE DEATHS

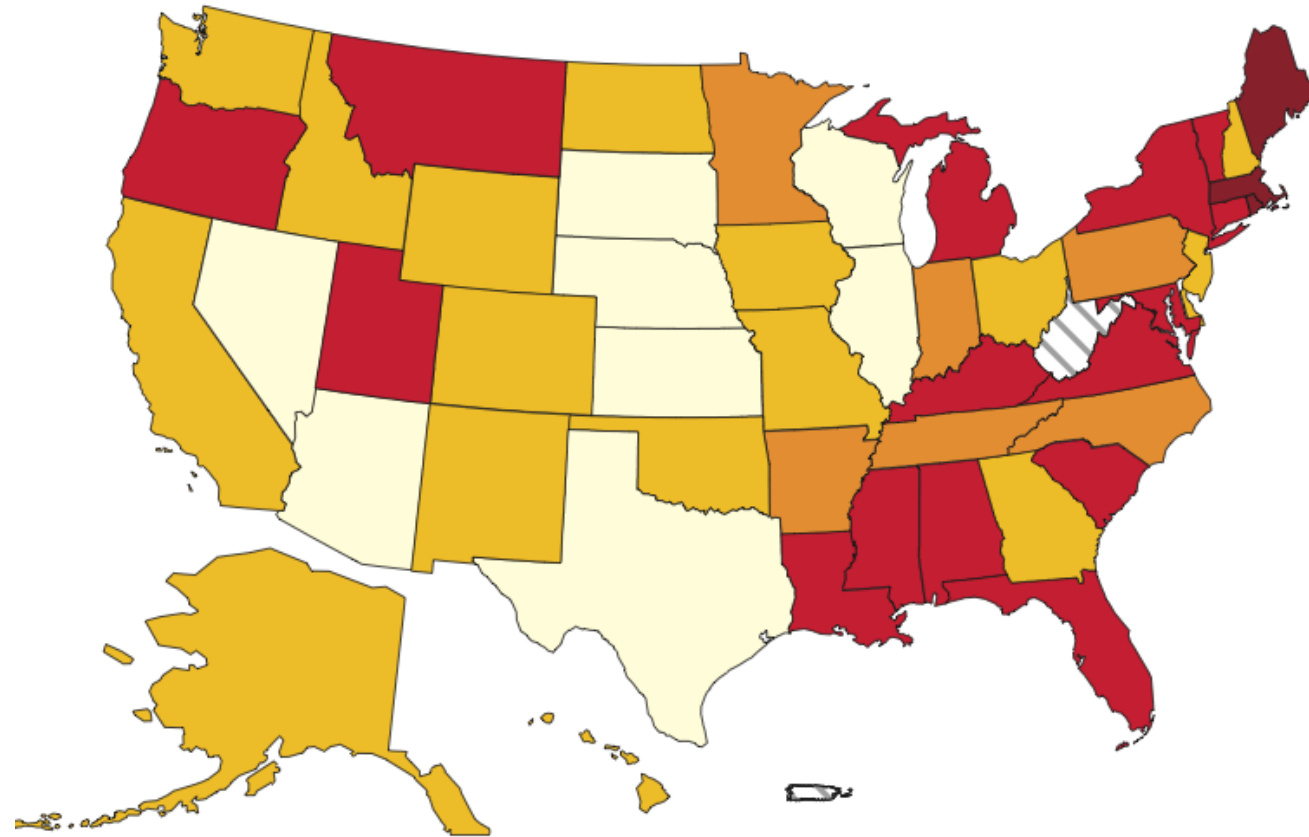


Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC grand rounds: prescription drug overdoses—a US epidemic. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2012;61(1):10-13

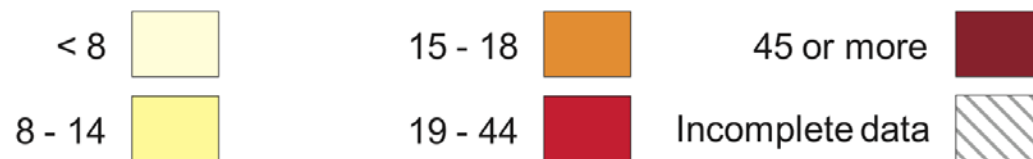
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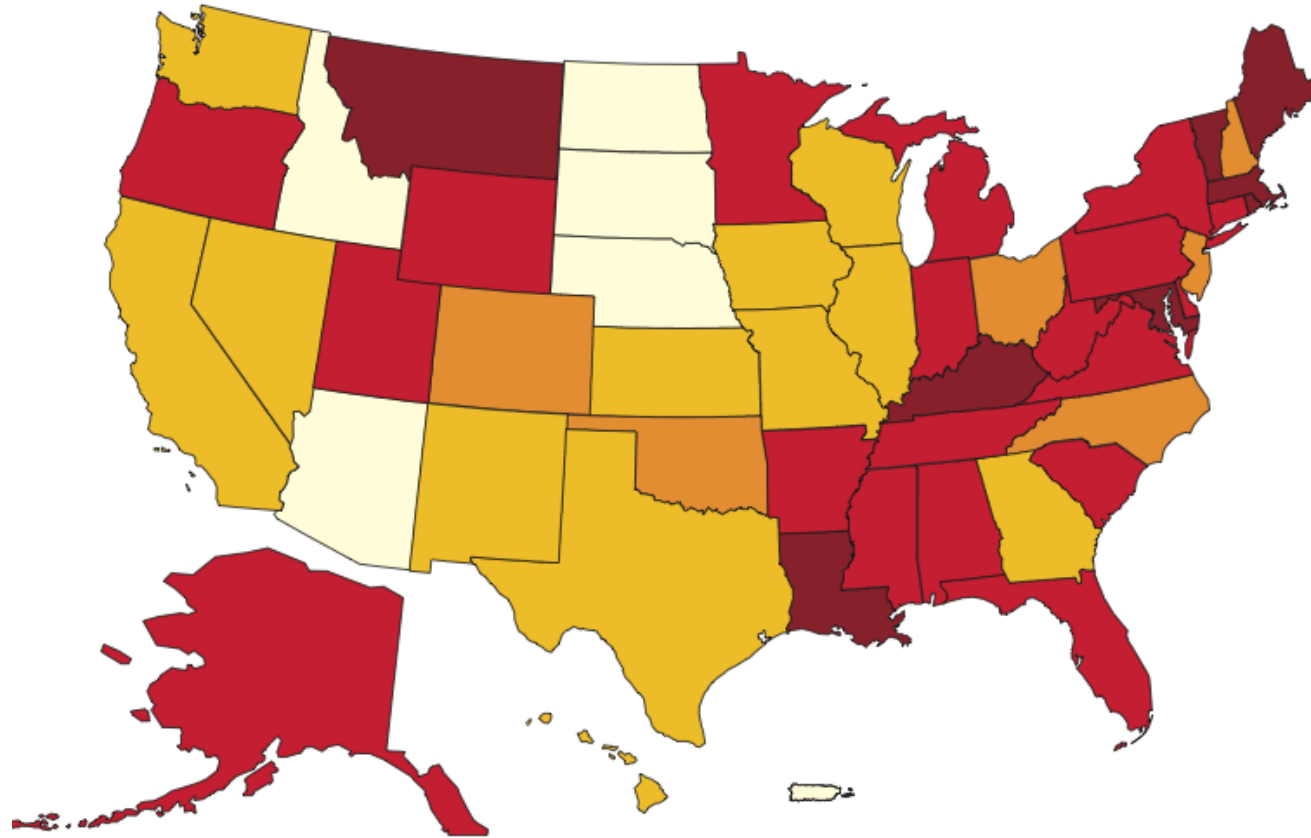


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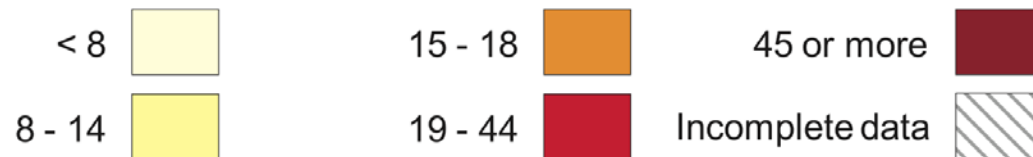
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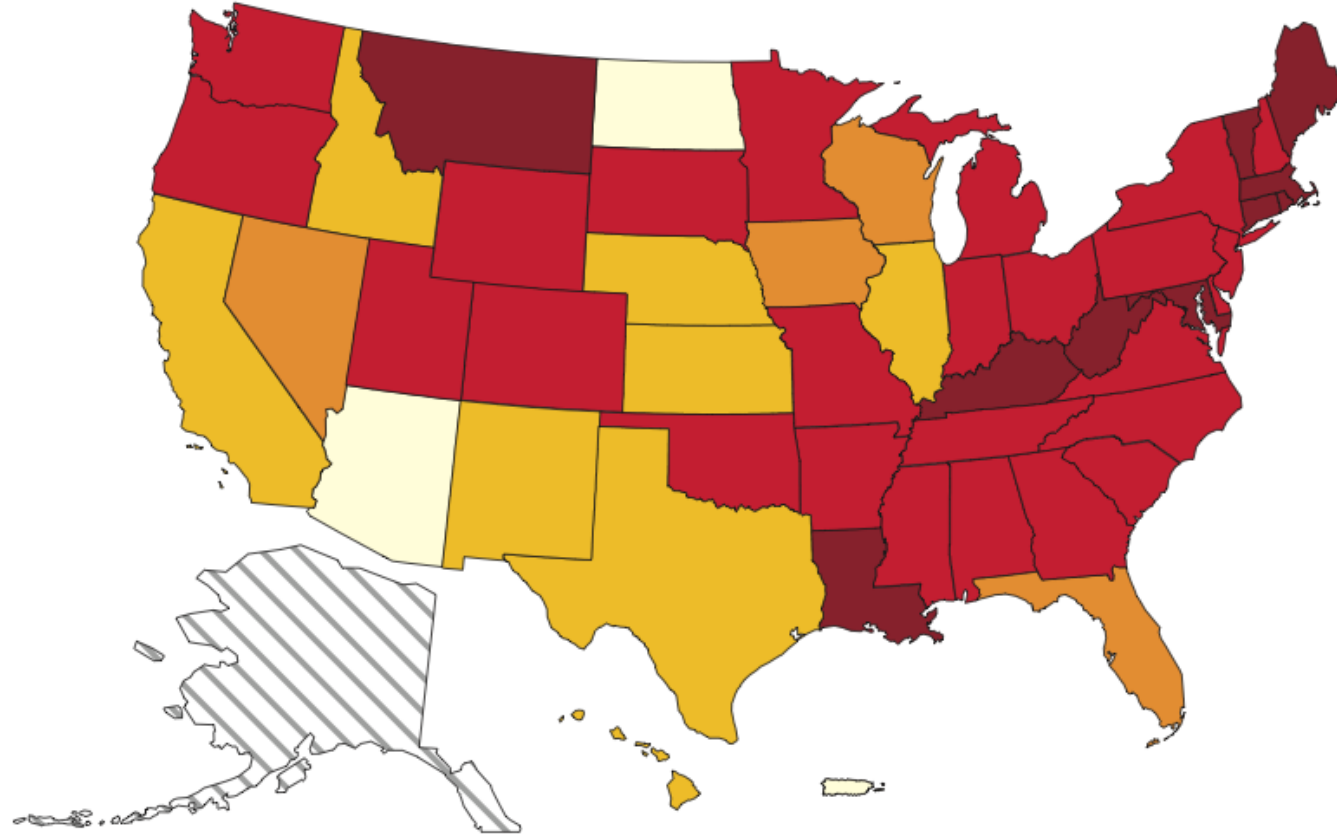
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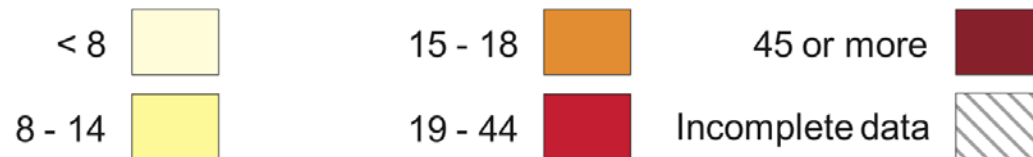


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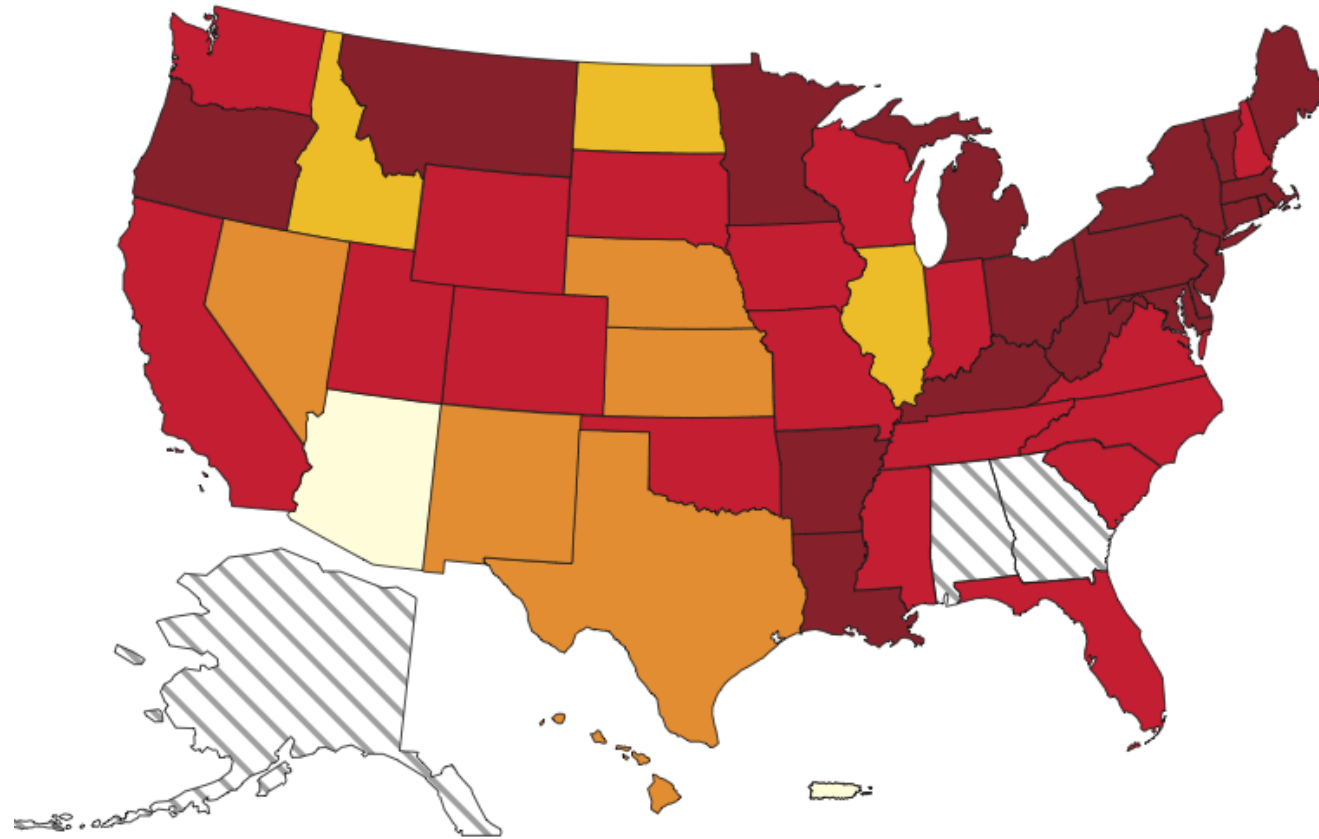


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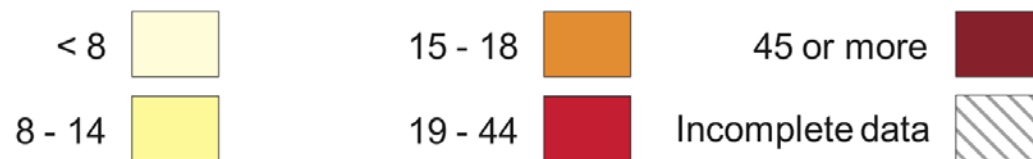
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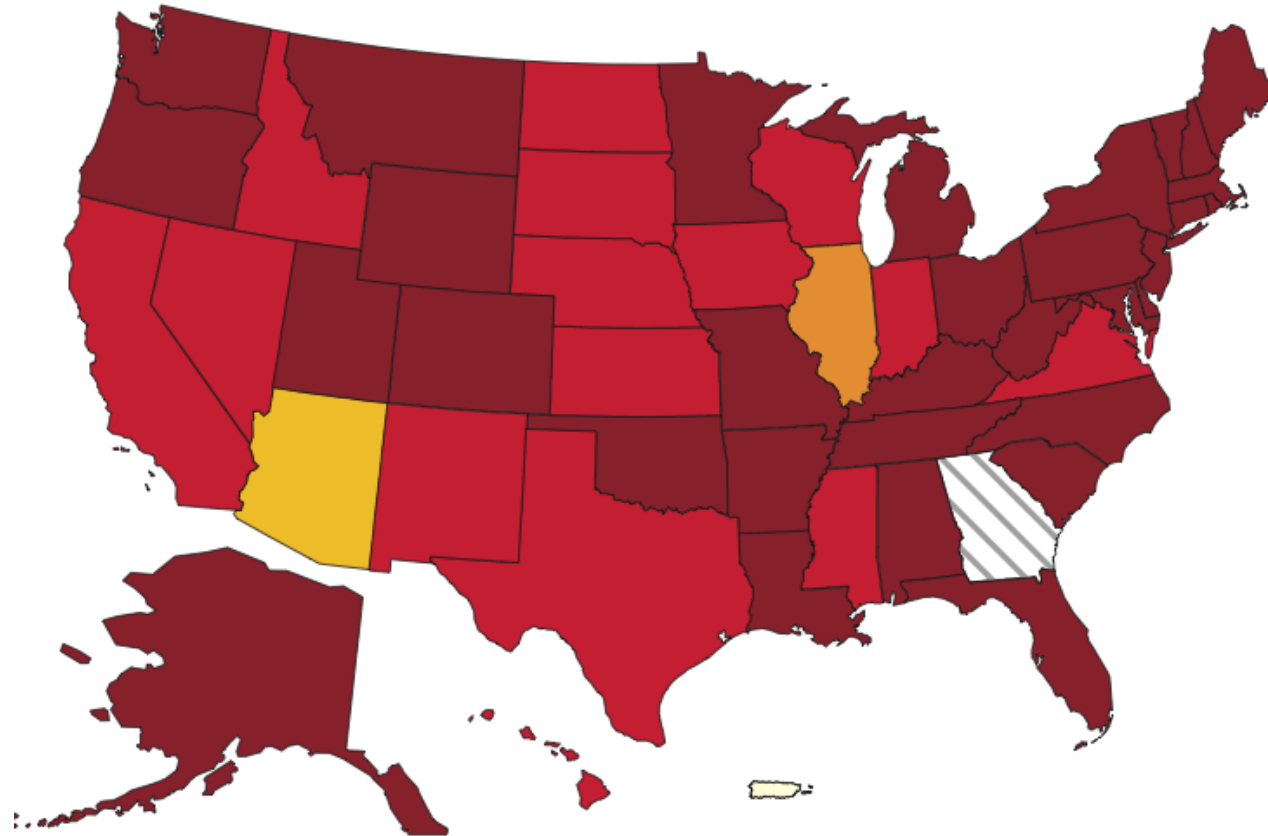
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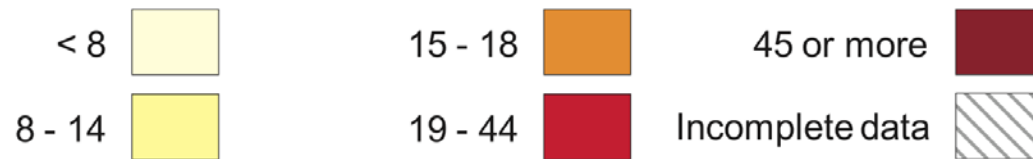
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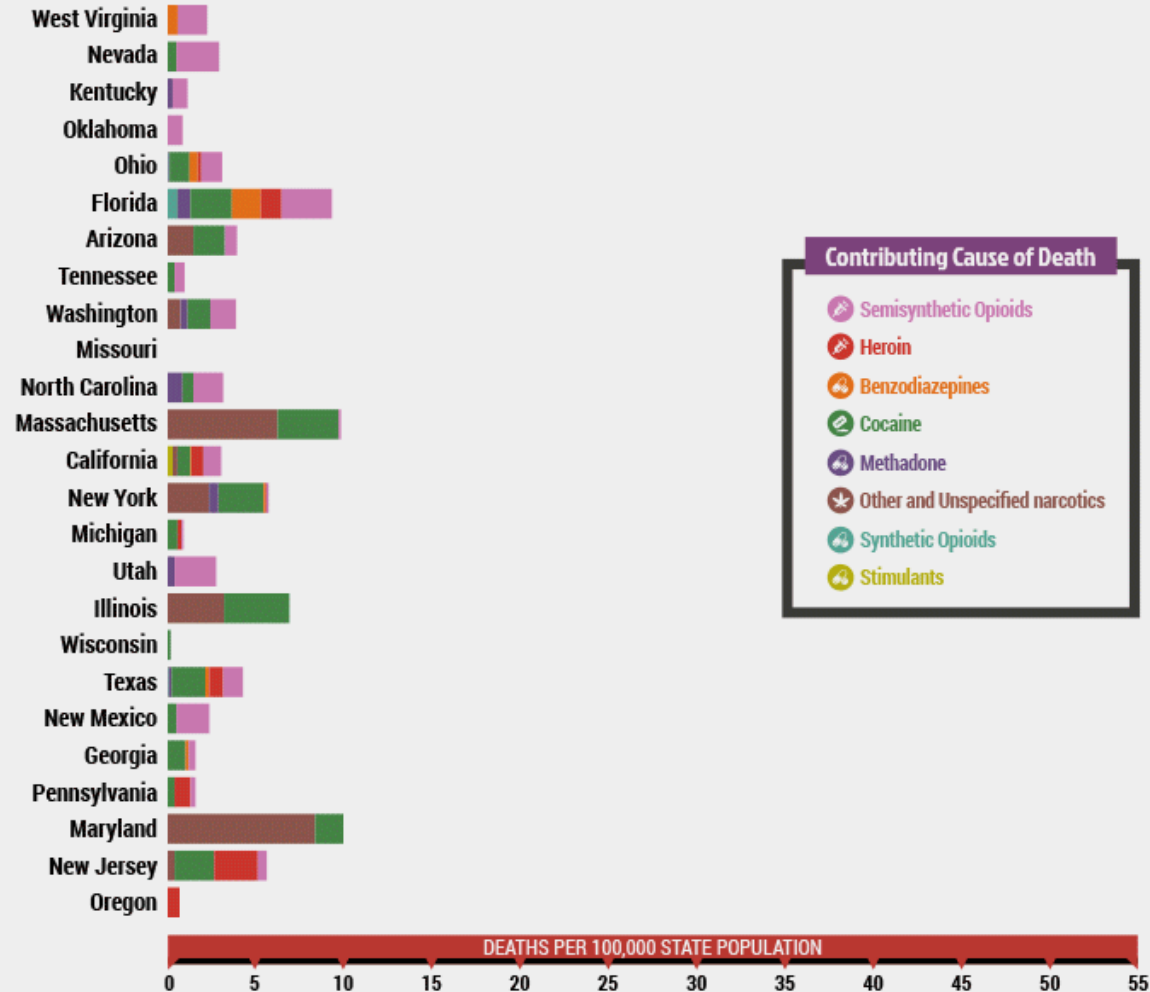
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DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS

PER 100,000

STATE POPULATION

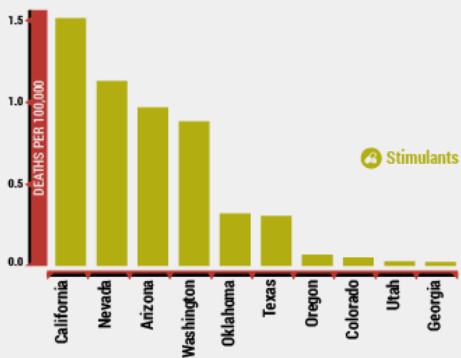
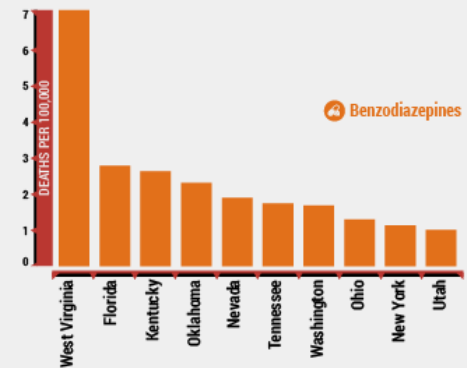
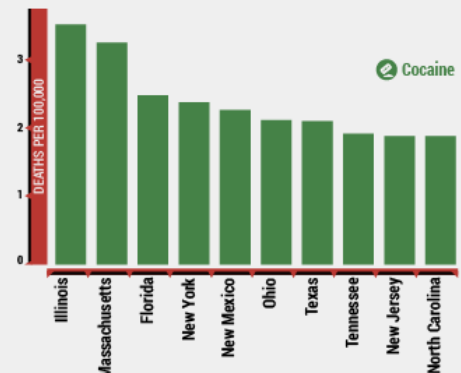
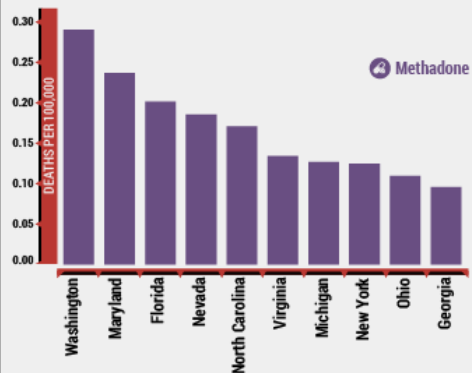
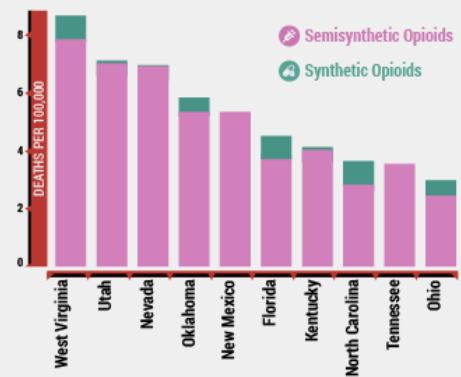
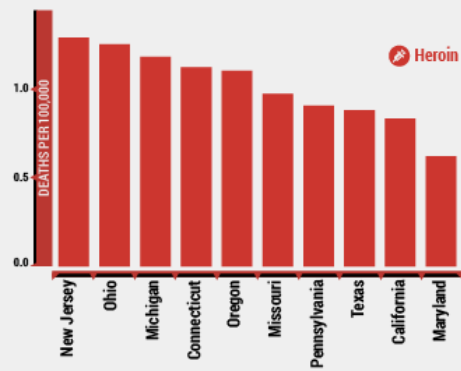
TOP 25 STATES



OVERDOSES

PER 100,000

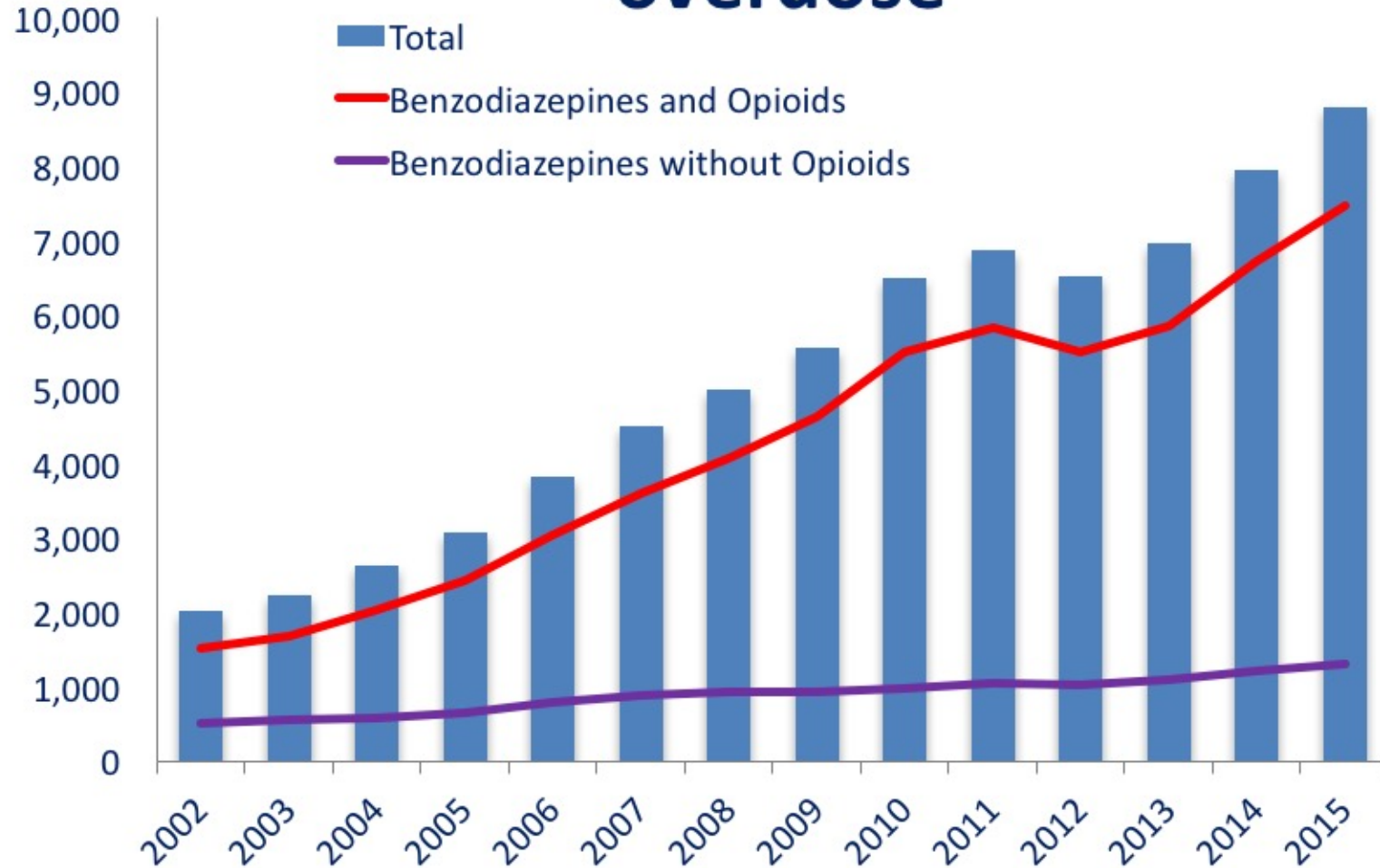
STATE RESIDENTS



Total No. of Deaths from 1999-2011 per 100,000 State Residents

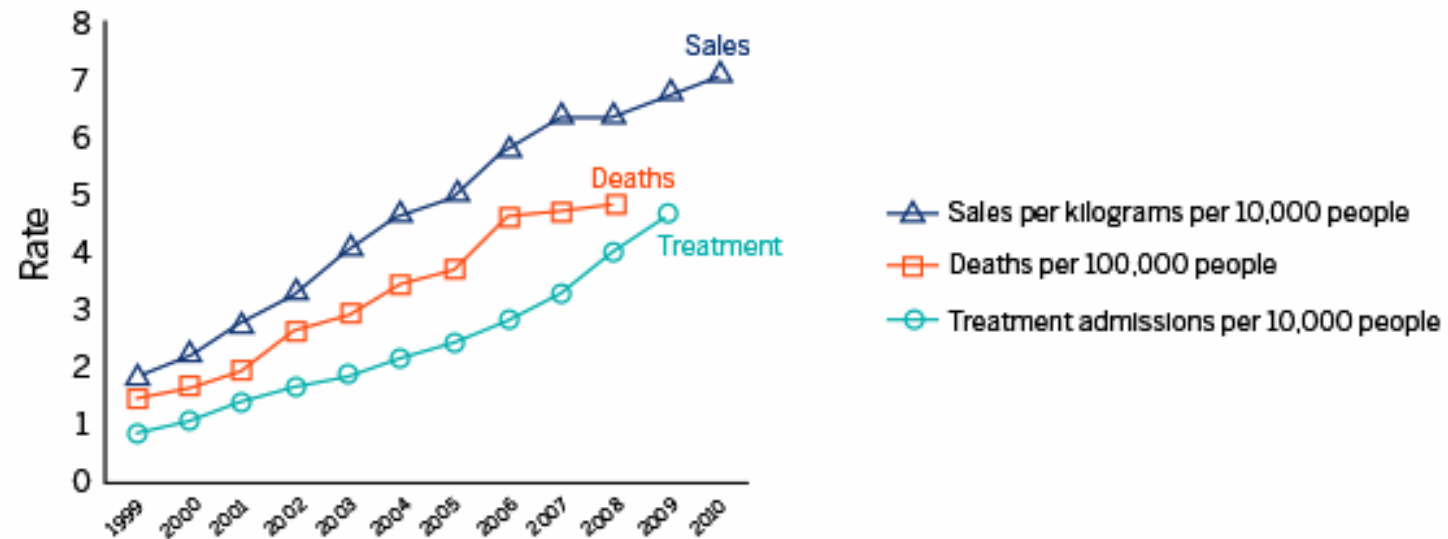


Opioid involvement in benzodiazepine overdose



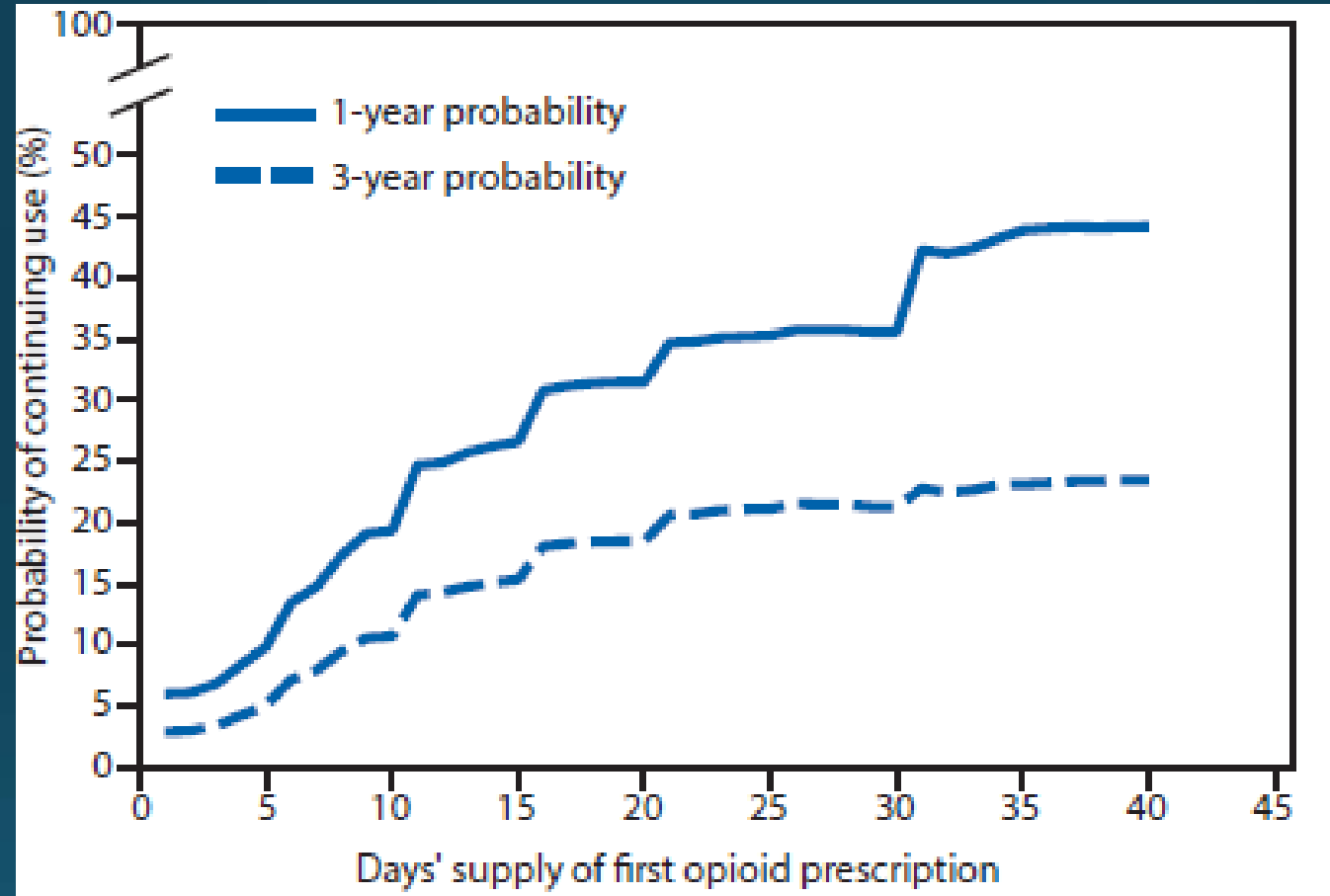
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder

TRENDS



National Vital Statistics System, 1999-2008; ARCOs, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 1999-2010; Treatment Episode Data Set, 1999-2009.

One- and 3-year probabilities of continued opioid use among opioid-naïve patients, by number of days' supply* of the first opioid prescription — United States, 2006–2015



Shah, A, et al. [Characteristics of Initial Prescription Episodes and Likelihood of Long-Term Opioid Use - United States, 2006-2015](#). MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2017 Mar 17;66(10):265-269.

PREGNANCY

- Umbilical cord tested after delivery (n=759) August, 2009
- 19.2% pos for drugs/ETOH
 - 28% pos for Opioids
 - 5.4% of population
- Polysubstance Use with Opioids
 - THC 8%
 - Benzos 29%
 - Methadone 21%
 - ETOH 7%



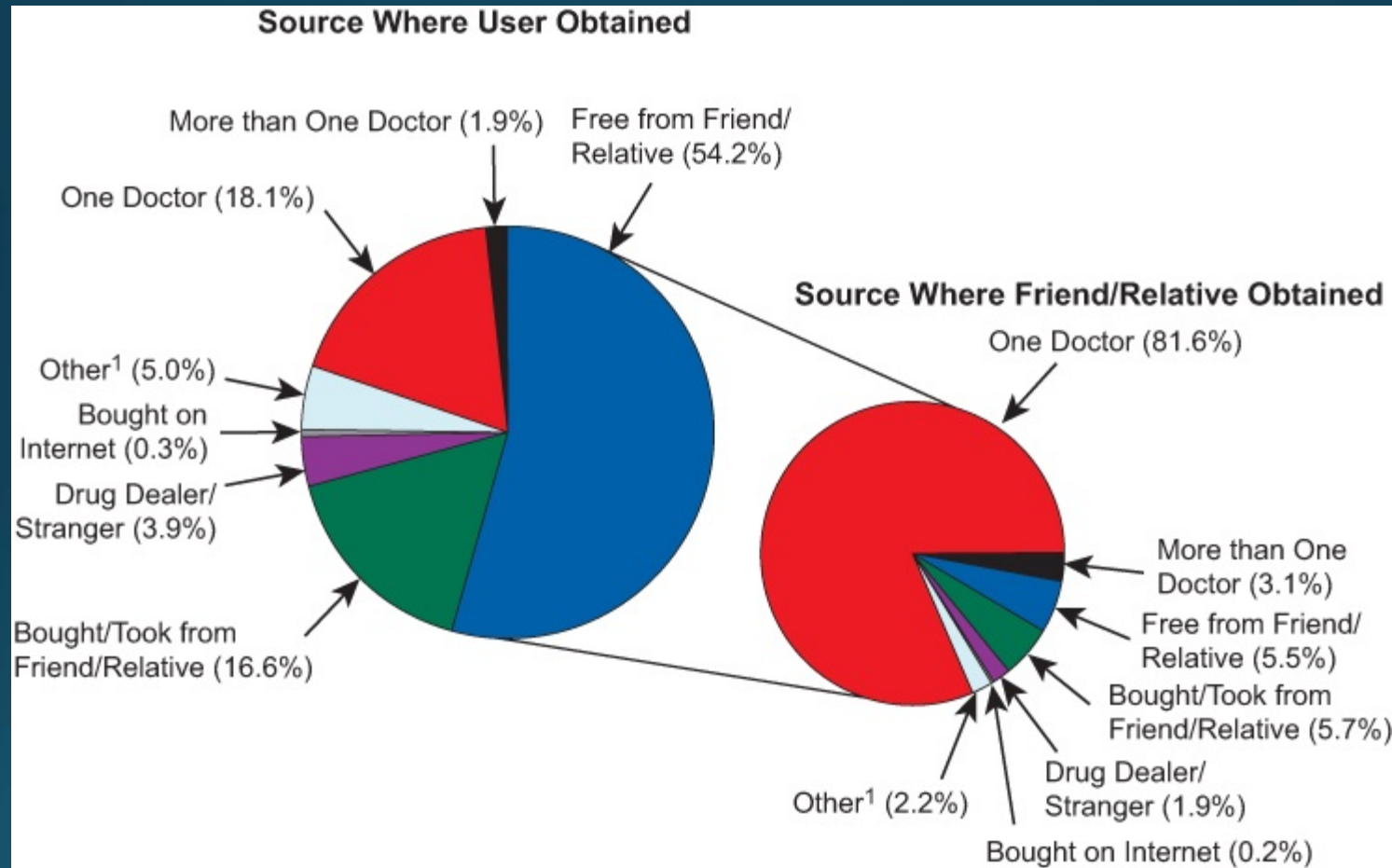
Street Values of Legal Drugs

Generic Name	Brand Name	Brand Cost/100	Street Value per 100
Tylenol w/ Codeine	Tylenol #3	\$56.49	\$800.00
Diazepam	Valium 10mg	\$298.04	\$1,000.00
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid 4 mg	\$88.94	\$10,000.00
Methylphenidate	Ritalin	\$88.24	\$1,500.00
Oxycodone	Oxycontin 80 mg	\$1,081.36	\$8,000.00

Source: Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER). A Comprehensive Report on Kentucky's Prescription Monitoring Program Prepared by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Office of the Inspector General, Version 1~3/29/2006



How do you get your drugs?



The Role of Cancer and Chronic Pain Patients in the Diversion of Prescription Opioids



Where are prescription opioids most readily available ?

- Chronic pain patients represent the easiest access for opioids second only to drug dealers.
- Chronic pain and cancer patients are perceived to be more readily available sources of prescription opioids than ED or physicians.
- Survey participants identified chronic pain patients as the #1 source of prescription opioids for drug dealers.

UDS in Chronic Pain Patients on OPRs

- n= 938,420
- 75% of patients likely misused
- 38% - prescribed med was absent
- 29% - non-prescribed med present
- 11% - illicit drugs present



WHAT TO DO?



- Be Aware
- Educate
- Monitor
- Act

Aberrant Drug-Taking Behaviors

- Lost prescriptions more than once
- Early refills
- Poor compliance with treatment plan
- Many drug “allergies”
- Requests frequent drug escalations
- Multiple prescribers and pharmacies
- Aggressive complaining

Adapted from Passik

EDUCATE

- Good personal and family history
- Collateral information
- Random urine drug screens
- People will steal your pills
- Lock box



DRUG TESTING

- Know your drug screens
- Good relationship with lab
- Illicits and medication prescribed
- Limitations of POC testing and need to get confirmation (i.e. don't make drastic changes until certain)
- Discuss with patient in altruistic terms
- Document!

WHIZZINATOR



WV BOP Website



<https://www.csapp.wv.gov>

Deciding to Stop: Diffusing methods

- *I'm worried because ...*
 - *your level of pain doesn't match your condition*
 - *you should be getting better*
 - *you should be needing less medicine*
 - *you should be responding to other treatments*
- *I'm not comfortable prescribing this much medicine*
- *I think you now have another condition*
- *It's our policy...*

Deciding to Stop: Wean vs DC

- Emergency STOP if
 - Alter script or Selling Rx drugs (*felony*)
 - Accidental/intentional OD (*death*)
 - Threatening staff (*extortion*)
 - Too many scams (*out of control*)
- Stop treatment if ineffective or if other conditions contraindicates continued use



SUMMARY

- Prescription pill misuse is a BIG problem in WV
- Be diligent
- <https://www.csapp.wv.gov/>
 - Law (6/8/12) requires @ initiation and q year
 - “Useful Links” in Merlin
 - Controlled Substances Rx Database
- Urine Drug Screens

Questions?