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What's Next After Naloxone Rescue?

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Learning Objective 1

Review the impact of the expanding opioid crisis.



Learning Objective 2

Match individuals with opioid use disorder with the appropriate evidence-based medication assisted treatment (MAT) for their addiction.



Learning Objective 3

Explore the linkage between drug overdoses and suicide attempts among individuals with opioid use disorder.






The Opioid Epidemic in the U.S.

In 2015...

 **12.5 million**
People misused prescription opioids¹

 **2.1 million**
People misused prescription opioids for the first time¹

 **33,091**
People died from overdosing on opioids²


 **2 million**
People had prescription opioid use disorder¹

 **15,281**
Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids^{2,3}

 **828,000**
People used heroin¹

 **9,580**
Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids^{2,5}

 **135,000**
People used heroin for the first time¹

 **12,989**
Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin^{2,4}

 **\$78.5 billion**
In economic costs (2013 data)⁶

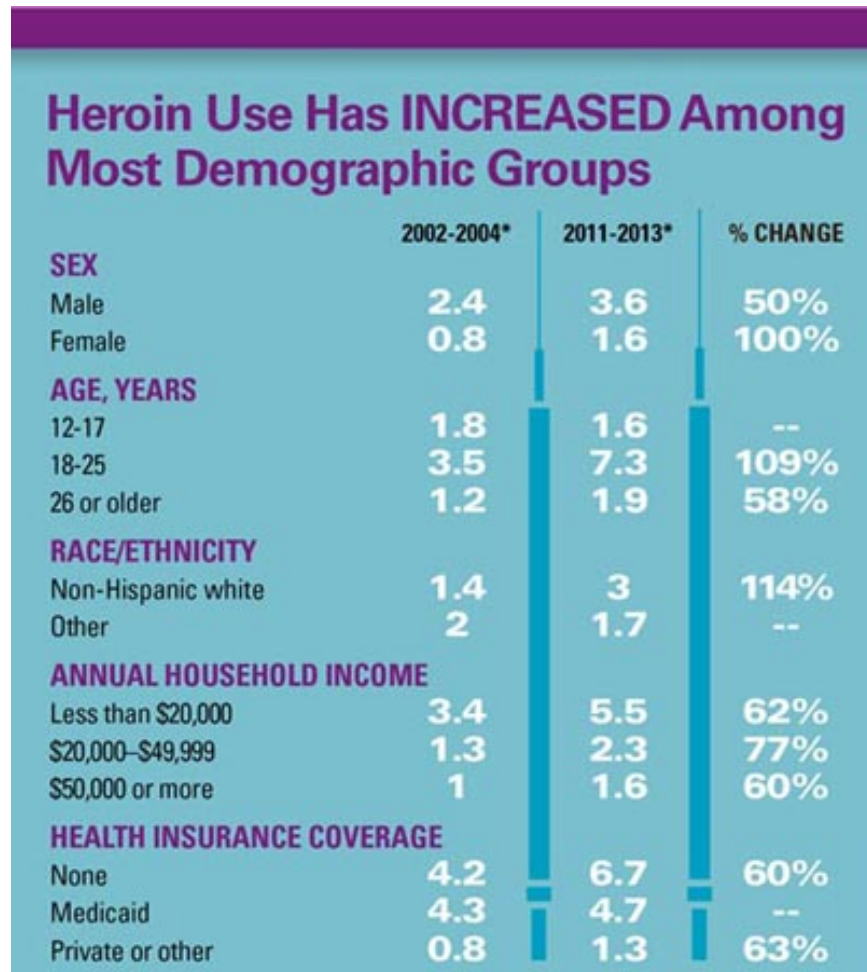


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die every day from an **opioid overdose** (that includes prescription opioids and heroin).

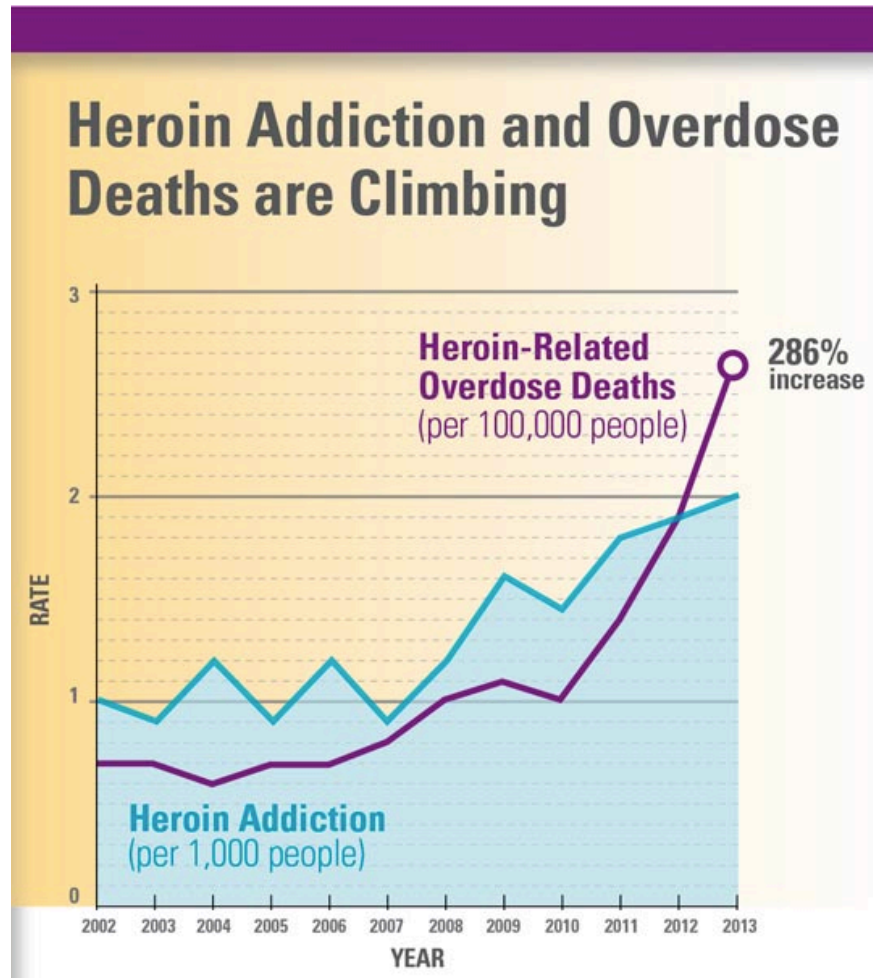
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Heroin Impact Across Demographic Groups



CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistic System, Mortality. CDC WONDER, Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2016. <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/heroin/infographic.html#graphic>

Heroin and Overdoses

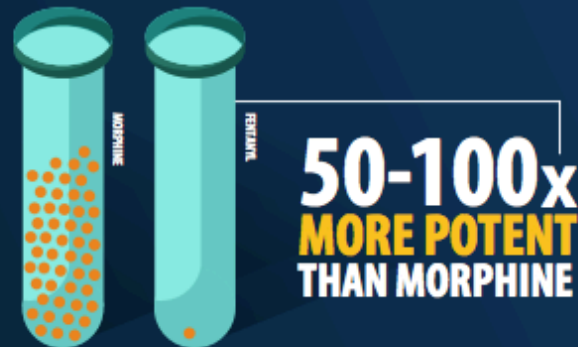


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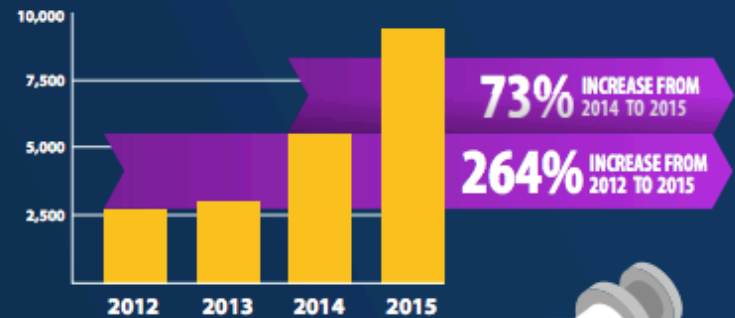
Fentanyl: Overdoses on the Rise

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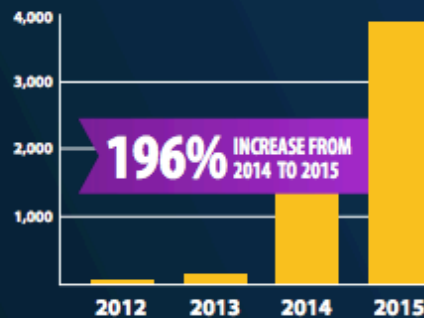
Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid approved for treating severe pain, such as advanced cancer pain. Illicitly manufactured fentanyl is the main driver of recent increases in synthetic opioid deaths.



SYNTHETIC OPIOID DEATHS ACROSS THE U.S.



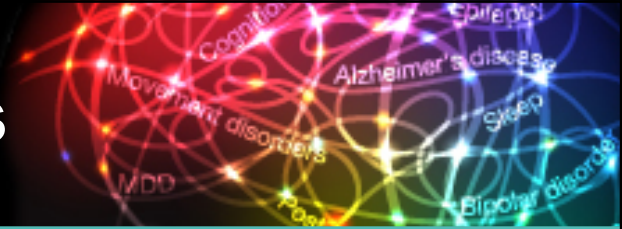
Ohio Drug Submissions Testing Positive for Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl



ILLICITLY MANUFACTURED FENTANYL

Although prescription rates have fallen, overdoses associated with fentanyl have risen dramatically, contributing to a sharp spike in synthetic opioid deaths.

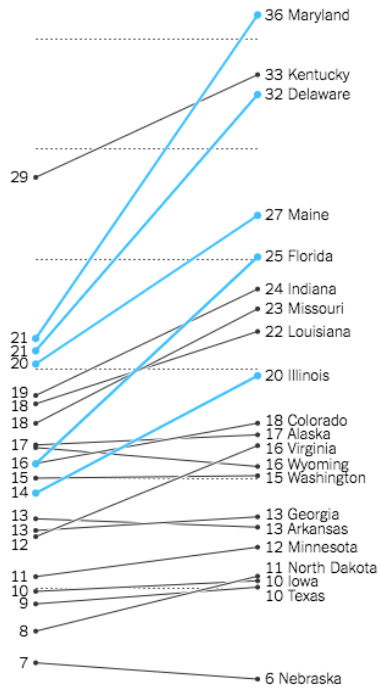




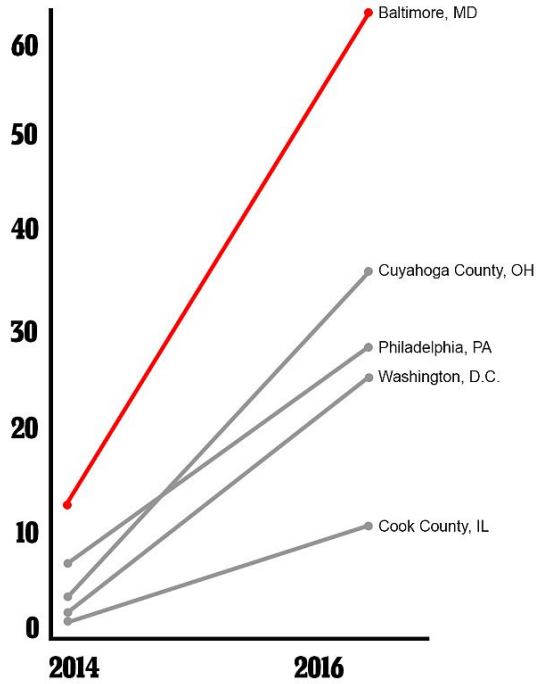
Steep Rise in East Coast Overdoses

- The rate of deaths in US cities related to fentanyl overdoses increased 600% from 2014 to 2016
- The synthetic opioid can be ordered from China or bought from Mexico and is 50 times stronger than heroin

Drug Overdoses per 100,000 Residents in 2015 and 2016¹

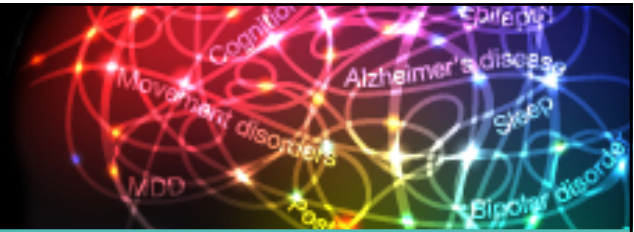


5 Cities with Highest Historic Rates of Fentanyl Deaths²



1. Provisional Counts of Drug Overdoses, as of 8/6/17. Available at https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/health_policy/monthly-drug-overdose-death-estimates.pdf.
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Beyond Addiction

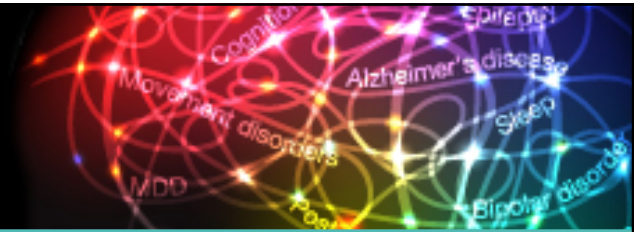


CDC Reports 294% Increase in New HCV Infections in the US Between 2010-2015

- 1** | New reported infections increased from 850 in 2010 to 2436 in 2015. CDC estimates 2015 number closer to 34,000
- 2** | Highest rates among individuals 20-29 years old who are injection drug users (IDU)
- 3** | States with rates twice the national average: IN, KY, ME, MA, NM, TN, WV
- 4** | States with infection rates above the national average: AL, MT, NJ, NC, OH, IA, PA, UT, WA, WI

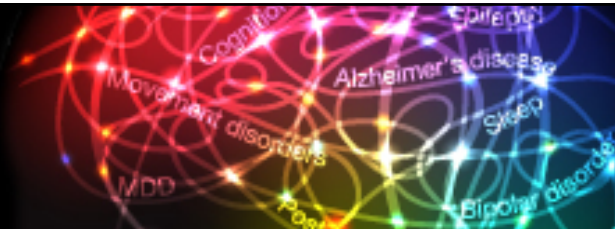
Hepatitis Awareness Month and Testing Day — May 2017. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2017;66:465.

Naloxone for Overdoses



- 1971: Naloxone hydrochloride received FDA approval. Over the next 40 years, injectable naloxone became the standard of care used by first responders and within the hospital setting
- 1996: Successful use in pilot programs
- 2013: SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Toolkit is published
- 2014: The first and only naloxone auto-injector is approved by the FDA
- 2016: Inhaled naloxone available

Intranasal Naloxone Protocol for Opioid Overdoses



- Assess ABC's – Airway, Breathing, Circulation
- For pulseless patients, proceed to ACLS guidelines
- Apnea with pulse – Establish oral airway and begin bag ventilation with 100% oxygen
- Load syringe with 2 mg (2 ml) of naloxone and attach nasal atomizer
- Place atomizer within the nostril
- Briskly compress syringe to administer 1 ml of atomized spray.
- Remove and repeat in other nostril, so all 2 ml (2 mg) of medication are administered
- Continue ventilating patient as needed
- If no arousal occurs after 5-10 minutes, proceed down standard unconscious protocol including injectable naloxone and secure airway if necessary

ACLS = Advanced Cardiac Life Support

<http://intranasal.net/Treatmentprotocols/Naloxoneprotocol/Naloxoneprotocol.htm>. Accessed November 8, 2017.

Naloxone Rescue: Now What?

Abstinence is ideal, but is it realistic?



- Naloxone is 93% effective, but approximately 10% of patients in Massachusetts who received naloxone died within 1 year, 50% of these individuals died within 1 month¹
- 60% of emergency MDs reported detox or rehab facilities were rare or not accessible²
- "Patients who survive opioid overdoses are by no means 'out of the woods'"²
- Repeat rescue

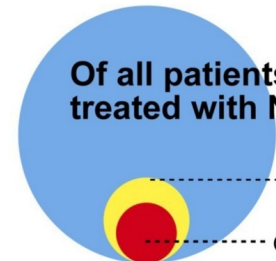
Emergency Care and the Nation's Opioid Crisis



Nearly **9 in 10** emergency physicians reported the number of patients seeking opioids has increased or remained the same during the past year.



Nearly **6 in 10** reported the detox or rehab facilities were rare or not accessible.



Of all patients who were treated with Naloxone:



10% of patients treated with Naloxone **died within one year.**

Of those, **HALF died within one month.**

"Virtually every emergency physician has seen firsthand the tragedy of opioid addiction," said Paul Kivela, MD, FACEP, president of ACEP. "The consequences of this epidemic are playing out in the nation's emergency departments."



This survey was conducted online between Sept. 21 and Oct. 2, 2017, with 1,261 emergency physicians. There was a response rate of 5.3 percent and a margin of error of 2.7.

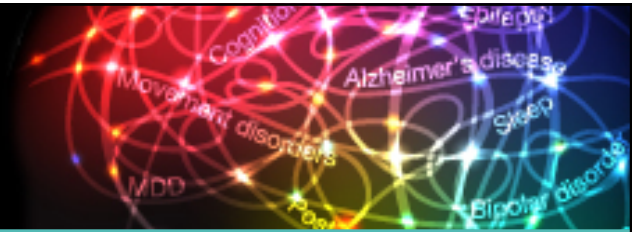
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1. Weiner SG, et al. Presented at the ACEP17 Scientific Assembly. Washington, DC. October 30, 2017.
 2. ACEP survey of 1,261 emergency physicians. Available at https://www.morningstar.com/news/pr-news-wire/PRNews_20171030DC25652/research-offers-new-insights-into-the-opioid-crisis.html.

Yale Psychiatry in the 1970s: Abstinence vs. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- MAT began as we tried to match patients to the treatments available
- Historically, substance dependence has focused on the manifestation of an abstinence syndrome upon abrupt cessation of drug self administration characterized by physical signs and autonomic hyperactivity
- Clonidine detox allowed us to separate withdrawal and treatment
- Depression, dysphoria, boredom, irritability, anhedonia are sufficiently negative to drive relapse in some people

MAT Barriers and Challenges



- Only 5% in the past year, and only 17% of individuals with OUD received treatment, including medication and behavioral counseling¹
- Only ~25% of veterans treated at VA hospitals receive MAT²
- Per Federal Bureau of Justice, of nation's 5,100 jails and prisons, fewer than 30 have methadone or buprenorphine programs³
- In a national survey of 50 state and Federal Department of Corrections' medical directors found a general preference for abstinence-based policies vs. MAT⁴
 - Misconceptions about addiction
 - Incorrect association of forced detoxification with curing opiate dependence
 - Ignoring risk to relapse
 - Lack of education

1. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism [NIAAA]. Rates of nonmedical prescription opioid use and opioid disorder doubles in 10 years. NIAAA Website. <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/rates-nonmedical-prescription-opioid-use-and-opioid-use-disorder-double-10>. Published June 22, 2016. Accessed November 1, 2017.; 2. Olivia EM, et al. *Am J Drug Alcohol Abuse*. 2013;39(2):103-107.; 3. Williams T. Opioid users are filling jails. Why don't jails just treat them. *The New York Times* Website. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/04/us/heroin-addiction-jails-methadone-suboxone-treatment.html>. Published August 4, 2017. Accessed November 1, 2017.; 4. Nunn A, et al. *Drug Alcohol Depend*. 2009;105(1-2):83-88.

Comparison of FDA-Approved Medications to Treat Opioid Use Disorder with Physiological Opioid Dependence

Medication	MOR intrinsic activity MOR binding	Differential pharmacology affecting MOR activation at therapeutic dose	Mechanism of relapse preventions
Buprenorphine	Partial agonist High affinity $K_i^1 = 0.2 \text{ nM}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow MOR dissociation allows 3x/wk sublingual dosing and possibility of weekly formulation • Highest known MOR affinity makes rescue from overdose by naloxone less effective; rapid precipitation of withdrawal if full agonists present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces opioid craving, withdrawal, and stress reactivity • Competitively blocks or reduces the reinforcing effects of other opioids
Methadone	Full agonist High affinity $K_i^1 = 3.4 \text{ nM}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long terminal half-life (up to 120 hrs) with delayed steady-state efficacy poses increased MOR toxicity risk during induction phase • Multiple drug-drug interactions pose both opioid-toxicity and withdrawal risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces opioid craving, withdrawal, and stress reactivity • Reduces reinforcing effects of other opioids
Naltrexone ER	Antagonist High affinity $K_i^2 = 0.26 - 0.34 \text{ nM}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of MOR agonism associated with delayed stabilization of opioid craving • Safety concern based on rodent data demonstrating chronic naltrexone exposure increases respiratory depression risk upon opioid agonist reexposure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive blocks reinforcing effects of opioid agonists • Reductions in craving are psychologically mediated (reduced anticipatory expectancies)

MOR, mu-opioid receptor; ER, extended release; nM, nanomoles

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Opioid Abstinence Rates with Medication Compared to Nonmedication

Medication	% Opioid Free on Medication	% Opioid Free on Placebo/Detoxification	Study
Naltrexone ER	36%	23%	Krupitsky et al. 2011
Buprenorphine/naloxone	20%-50%	6%	Fudala et al. 2003 Weiss et al. 2011 ^a
Buprenorphine/naloxone	60%	20%	Woody et al. 2008 ^b
Methadone	60%	30%	Mattick et al. 2009

- Randomized, controlled clinical trials summarized paired medication maintenance with evidence-based treatments and opioid use self-report data confirmed with urine toxicology
- Predominantly adult opioid use disorder populations, with majority being heroin dependent or having mixed dependence on heroin and prescription opioids

^aPopulation was prescription opioid-dependent patients

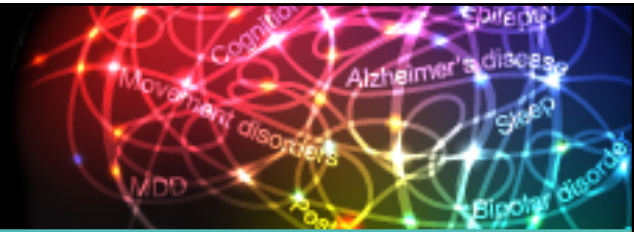
^bPopulation was youth aged 14-21 years

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Comparative Effectiveness of Extended-Release Naltrexone vs Buprenorphine-Naloxone for Opioid Relapse Prevention (X:BOT)

- 24 week, open-label, randomized controlled, comparative effectiveness trial at 8 community-based inpatient services and followed up as outpatients
 - Participants 18 years or older meeting *DSM-5* criteria for OUD
 - Had not been prescribed opioids in past 30 days
 - Block design with random equally weighted block sizes of 4 and 6 for randomization (1:1) to receive extended-release naltrexone (XR-NTX) monthly intramuscular injections or daily administered buprenorphine-naloxone (BUP-NX) sublingual film
 - XR-NTX had a substantial induction hurdle: fewer participants successfully initiated XR-NTX (204 [72%] of 283) than BUP-NX (270 [94%] of 287; $p < 0.0001$)

Results

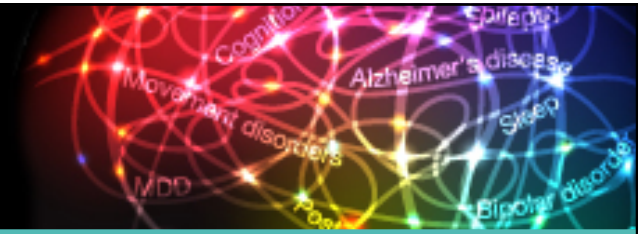


- Among all participants randomly assigned (intent-to-treat population, $n = 570$) 24 week relapse events were greater for XR-NTX (185 [65%] of 283) than for BUP-NX (163 [57%] of 287)
 - Hazard ratio [HR] 1.36, 95% CI 1.10–1.68), most or all of difference accounted for by early relapse in nearly all (70 [89%] of 79) XR-NTX induction failures
 - Among participants successfully inducted ($n = 474$), 24 week relapse events were similar across study groups ($p = 0.44$).
 - Opioid-negative urine samples ($p < 0.0001$) and opioid-abstinent days ($p < 0.0001$) favored BUP-NX compared with XR-NTX among the intent-to-treat population, but were similar across study groups among the per-protocol population
 - Self-reported opioid craving was initially less with XR-NTX than with BUP-NX ($p = 0.0012$), then converged by week 24 ($p = 0.20$)

What's Next?



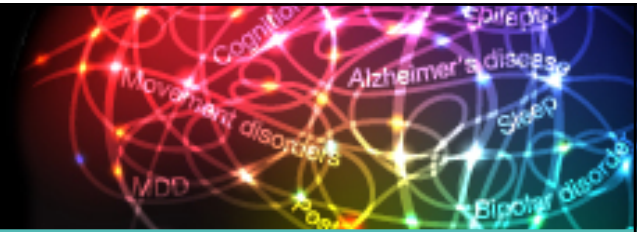
Anti-Drug Vaccine



Rehabilitating the Addicted Brain with Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation- NIDA's New TMS Group

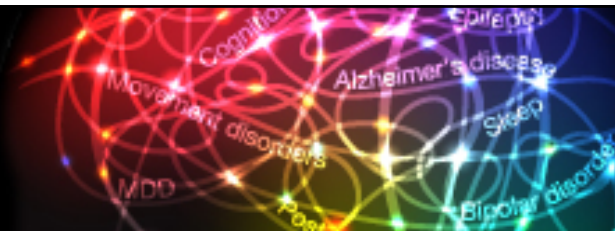
- Substance use disorders (SUDs) are one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality worldwide. In spite of considerable advances in understanding the neural underpinnings of SUDs, therapeutic options remain limited.
- Recent studies have highlighted the potential of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) as an innovative, safe and cost-effective treatment for some SUDs
- Repetitive TMS (rTMS) influences neural activity in the short and long term by mechanisms involving neuroplasticity both locally, under the stimulating coil, and at the network level, throughout the brain
- The long-term neurophysiological changes induced by rTMS have the potential to affect behaviors relating to drug craving, intake and relapse

Injectable Naltrexone



- Longer acting than 1 month
- Trials suggest 3 months possible but still hurdles with safety , drug metabolism, drug-drug interactions and potential need for opioids

RBP-6000 Injectable Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder

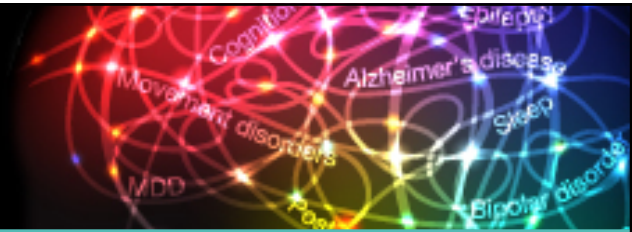


- RBP-6000, injectable, sustained-release (28 days) formulation of buprenorphine recommended for FDA approval for opioid use disorder (OUD) on October 31, 2017*
- Demonstrated clinically and statistically significant differences ($p < 0.0001$) in % abstinence and treatment success, defined as any subject with $\geq 80\%$ of urine samples negative for opioids combined with self-reports negative for illicit opioid use from Weeks 5 to 24, compared to placebo
 - 300 mg/300 mg: 41.3%
 - 300 mg/100 mg: 42.7%
 - Placebo: 5.0%
- RBP-6000 was generally well tolerated, with a safety profile consistent with transmucosal buprenorphine except for injection site reactions

*Recommendation for FDA approval is non-binding, not currently FDA-approved for OUD

Vijapura A, et al. Data presented in a late-breaking research oral presentation at the 79th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) meeting in Montreal. June 21, 2017.

Novel Delivery Formulation: Buprenorphine Implant



- Depot formulation lasting 6 months
- Novel formulations can impact nonadherence
- Nonfluctuating blood levels compared with variable levels associated with sublingual dosing
- Lower risk of diversion compared with daily-dosed formulations
- Because requires surgical insertion, only medical professionals who have been trained by the *Probuphine Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS)* program can administer the implant

Rosenthal RN, Goradia VV. *Drug Des Devel Ther.* 2017;11:2493-2505.

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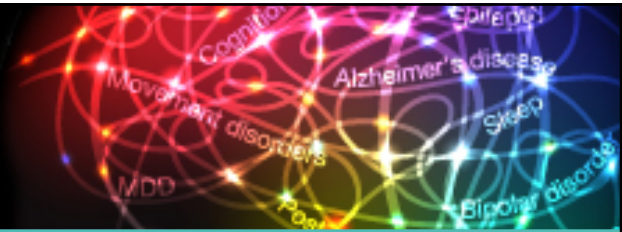
FDA Approves NSS-2 Bridge: First Device for Use in Reducing Symptoms of Opioid Withdrawal

- Small electrical nerve stimulator placed behind the ear containing a battery-powered chip that emits electrical pulses to stimulate branches of certain cranial nerves. Stimulations may provide relief from opioid withdrawal symptoms.
- Device can be used for up to 5 days during the acute physical withdrawal phase
- Single-arm clinical study of 73 patients undergoing opioid physical withdrawal. The study evaluated patients' clinical opiate withdrawal scale (COWS) score, which is a clinical assessment conducted by a health care professional that measures opioid withdrawal symptoms such as resting pulse rate, sweating, pupil size, gastrointestinal issues, bone and joint aches, tremors and anxiety.
 - COWS scores range from 0 to more than 36 — the higher the number, the more severe the withdrawal symptoms are to a patient

Post-Naloxone Rescue: Was the Overdose Accidental or Suicide?

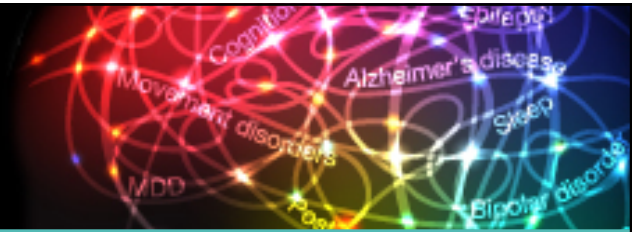


Overdose Considered Accidental in Origin Until Proved Otherwise



- How many accidental drug overdoses are suicide attempts?
- 50% of patients with OUD have histories of MDD which may drive suicidal thoughts and behaviors
- Could depression and suicide be post SUD co-morbidities on the basis of drug-related damage to the brain's: reward system-threshold, pleasure-mood systems?

Accidental Overdose or Suicide



- Secondary analysis of 41,053 participants of the 2014 National Survey of Drug Use and Health found that prescription opioid misuse was associated with¹
 - 40%-60% increase in suicidal ideation
 - Those reporting at least weekly opioid misuse were at much greater risk for suicide planning and attempts than those who used less often
 - 75% more likely to make plans for a suicide and made suicide attempts at a rate 200% greater than those unaffected by opioid misuse
- A study of nearly 5M veterans reported that presence of a diagnosis of *any* substance use disorder and *specifically* diagnoses of OUD led to increased risk of suicide for both males and females²
 - Risk for suicide death was over 2-fold for men
 - More than 8-fold in women

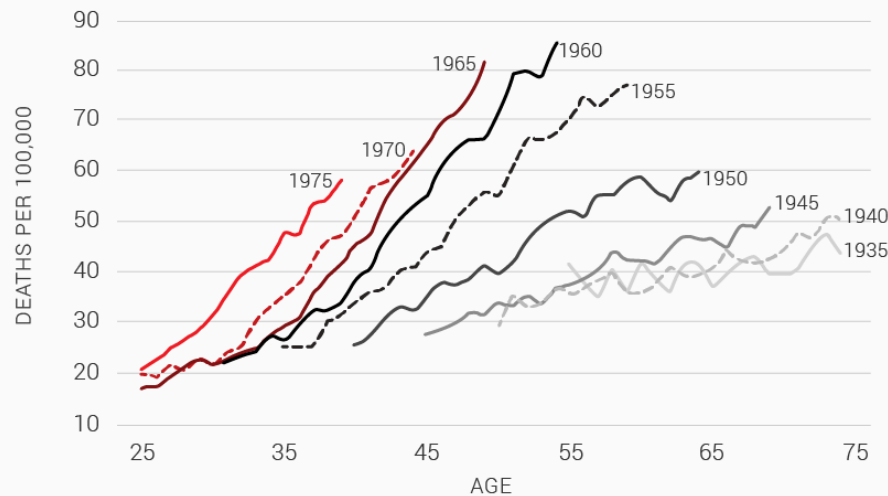
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“Deaths of despair” — or Suicide, Alcoholism, and Drug Overdoses, Particularly From Opioid Painkillers — Are a Growing Problem for Midlife White People



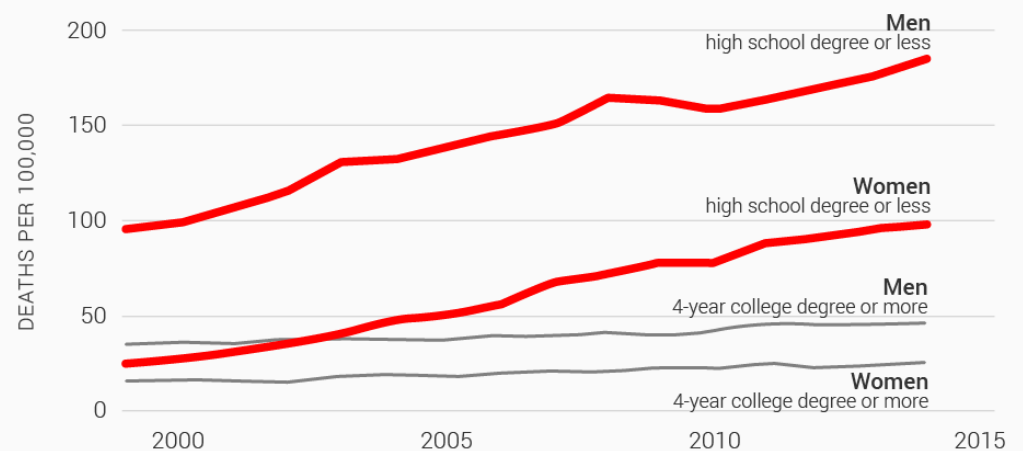
White non-Hispanic mortality from “deaths of despair” in U.S. by birth cohort

Men and women, deaths by drugs, alcohol, and suicide

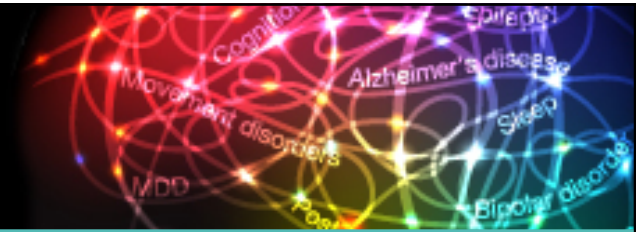


White non-Hispanic midlife mortality from “deaths of despair” in the U.S. by education

Ages 50-54, deaths by drugs, alcohol, and suicide



Call to Action



- After a naloxone overdose rescue, develop a strategy for individuals with OUD to match them to the appropriate MAT strategy that will promote abstinence and decrease relapse
- Evaluate patients with OUD post-overdose to separate accidental overdose from suicide attempt in order to treat an underlying mood disorder

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