Prescription Drug Overdose Death: What Impact Will Florida HB 7095 have on this Epidemic?

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Prescription Drug Overdose Death

• 2\textsuperscript{nd} leading cause of ACCIDENTAL death in US for over 10 years
• More than 27,000 deaths per year – 8 times more than 9/11
• Males aged 45-54 highest rate of increase
• 17 States – leading cause of accidental death
• Florida – 7 people per day
MULTIFACETED PROBLEM

- New face of diversion
- Well meaning friends and family
- Cavalier attitudes – decreased fear and respect of medications – *opiophile.com*
- Varying regulations state by state
- Varying expertise levels by prescribers
- Increased accessibility – “PILL MILLS”
How Did This Epidemic Start?

- Pain as the 5th Vital Sign - 1999 Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)
- Fear of litigation
- Better control of Illegal/illicit drugs
- New cottage industry
What Medications are implicated?

- 2010 Stats Florida (released August 2011)
- Total 2,710 deaths
  - Oxycodone – 1,516
  - Alprazolam – 981
  - Methadone – 694
  - Hydrocodone – 315
  - Diazepam – 277
  - Morphine – 262

Many in combination
Florida’s Role in this US Epidemic

* “Oxy Highway” – stretch of Interstate I 95
* Essentially a new tourist trade
* South Florida’s “Cocaine Cowboys”
* Broward County – “…More Pain Clinics than Mcdonald’s…” Dave Aronberg
* KY Governor Beshear vs. FL Governor Scott
* FL HB 7095 – Prescription Drugs
Previous focus on illegal drugs into US

April 2011 – Multi-agency report *Epidemic: Responding to America’s Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis*

4 step approach:
- Public / Prescriber Education
- Tracking and Monitoring
- Disposal Programs
- Regulation Enforcement
Florida’s Response

* HB 7095 collaborative effort of Attorney General and Legislation – passed 4th iteration
* Aligns with White House report steps 2 and 4
* In essence, targets “Pill Mills”
* No in-house dispensing of Class II or Class III meds
* Clinics must be physician owned/properly registered
* Public identification of all physicians who prescribe controlled substances
* Regulates prescription pads
* Criminalizes non-reporting by pharmacists
* PDMP provisions – no drug company money
Stakeholders AGAINST HB 7095

- FL Pain Clinic Society aka FL Society of Pain Management Providers – increased regulatory burden, decreased access for legitimate pain patients
- FL Pharmacy Association – Increased burden of policing patients - inattention results in criminal charges, PDMP – laborious, increased medication errors, infringes on professional scope of practice
- Pharmaceutical Industry – not allowed to fund the PDMP
Stakeholders FOR HB 7095

- Citizens Groups – NOPE, Zero Unintended Deaths
- National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators
- Physicians for Responsible Opiate Prescribing (PROP)
- Center for Lawful Access and Abuse Deterrence (CLAAD)
- American Academy of Pain Medicine
Is 7095 Enough – Will Fewer People Die?

- Implements steps 2 and 4 of White House’s plan
- Targets criminal and non-legitimate activity
- Establishes regulations and penalties, potentially interfering with legitimate practices
- Implements PDMP
- Does not address ANY education efforts
- No quality control for prescribers
- Does not address addiction treatment
- Can’t stop here
Oxycontin® Express

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