

# U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

# Pharmaceutical Trends & Updates

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# **OBJECTIVES**

- > Current state of prescription drug abuse
- > Trends in the diversion of pharmaceuticals and chemicals
  - > Rogue Internet Pharmacies
    - > Ryan Haight Online Consumer Protection Act
  - **Pain Clinics**
  - > Drugs of Abuse
  - > CMEA Update
    - > Diversion of Pseudoephedrine
- Current Issues
  - > EPCS
  - Disposal of controlled substance pharmaceuticals

Anabolic Steroids and Dietary Supplements





# The Perfect Storm

- Misperception: When we don't see specific drugs anymore the problem has gone away
- Industry is producing a wider variety of controlled substance pharmaceuticals
- Industry is producing record numbers of controlled substance pharmaceuticals
- Baby Boomers are retiring in record numbers and will need additional medications
- Federal, State and local labs are reporting higher numbers of exhibits and cases related to pharmaceuticals
- Shift in the user / abuser population
- Use of Medicare / Medicaid or insurance to fund drug habits

#### **Information / Electronic era**

- Web sites such as Erowid
- Social networking blogging, twitter, or chat rooms for instant exchanges of information
- Anonymity no more face-to-face meetings



# **Scope and Extent of Problem**

2004

2007

0.3 million

0.35 million

**Sedatives** 

1.2 million

1.1 million

**Stimulants** 

1.6 million

1.8 million

Anti-Anxiety Medication

4.4 million

5.2 million

Narcotic Pain Relievers

Source: 2004 and 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

# Teens and Their Attitudes



- > 1 in 5 teens report abusing Rx medications to get high
- 2 in 5 teens believe that Rx meds are "much safer" than illegal drugs
- ➤ 31% teens believe there's "nothing wrong" with using Rx meds without a prescription "once in a while"
- Nearly 3 in 10 teens believe Rx pain relievers are not addictive

Source: Partnership for Drug Free America



#### Teens and Their Attitudes

- The abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medicines among teens continues to be a troubling trend
  - Teens mistakenly believe that abuse of prescription drugs is less dangerous than abuse of illegal street drugs
  - Teens report prescription drugs are easier to get than illegal drugs, up significantly from 2005
  - Majority of teens report abusing a prescription medication at least once in their lives
  - 10% of teens report having abused a Rx pain reliever
    - 7% of teens have abused OTC cough medicine

# **Trends in Prescription Drug Abuse**

- ➤ Non-medical use of prescription pain relievers was the category with the largest number of new initiates (2.1 million)¹
- ➤ Non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most prevalent category of drug abuse
- ➤ Non-medical use of prescription drugs is higher than abuse of cocaine, heroin and hallucinogens combined



# **Emergency Data**

- From 2004 to 2006
  - No Significant Change: ER visits attributable to cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and stimulants (the major illicit drugs)
  - Increase of 44%: ER visits attributable to pharmaceuticals alone (i.e., with no other type of drug)
- Drugs most frequently implicated in non-medical use:
  - benzodiazepines (36% increase)
  - hydrocodone/combinations (44% increase)
  - oxycodone/combinations (56% increase)





#### Methods of Diversion

- Practitioners / Pharmacists
  - Illegal distribution
  - Self abuse
  - Trading drugs for sex
- Employee pilferage
  - Hospitals
  - Practitioners' offices
  - Nursing homes
  - Retail pharmacies
  - Manufacturing / distribution facilities

- Pharmacy / Other Theft
  - Armed robbery
  - Burglary (Night Break-ins)
  - In Transit Loss (Hijacking)
  - Smurfing
- Patients
  - Drug rings
  - Doctor-shopping
  - Forged / fraudulent / altered prescriptions
  - The medicine cabinet
- The Internet





# **Rogue Internet Pharmacy**











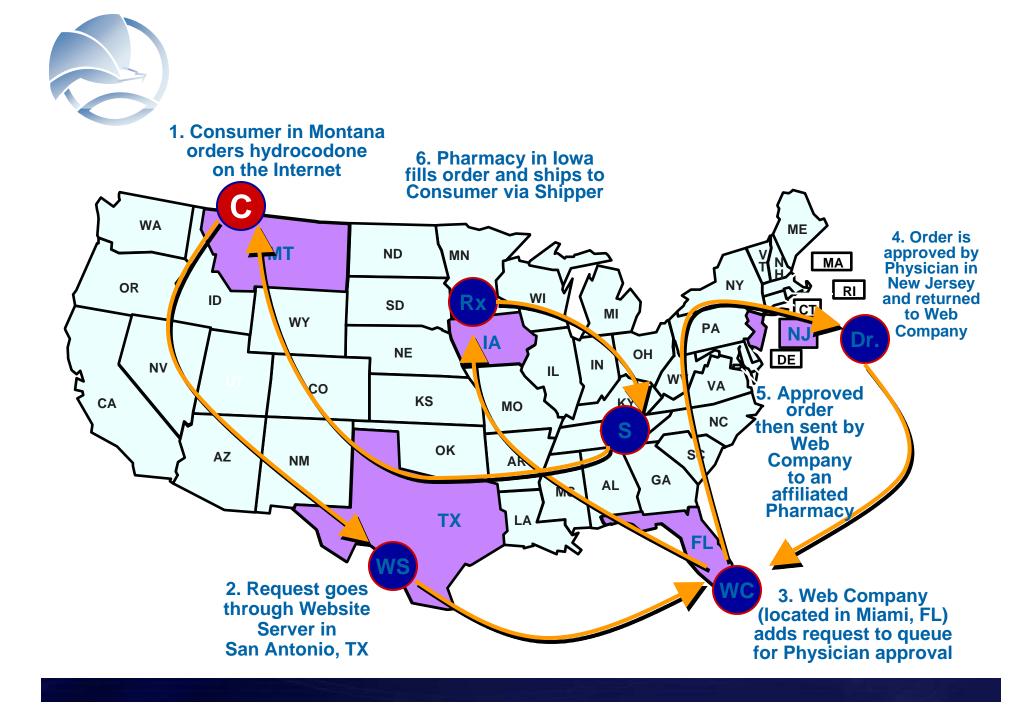
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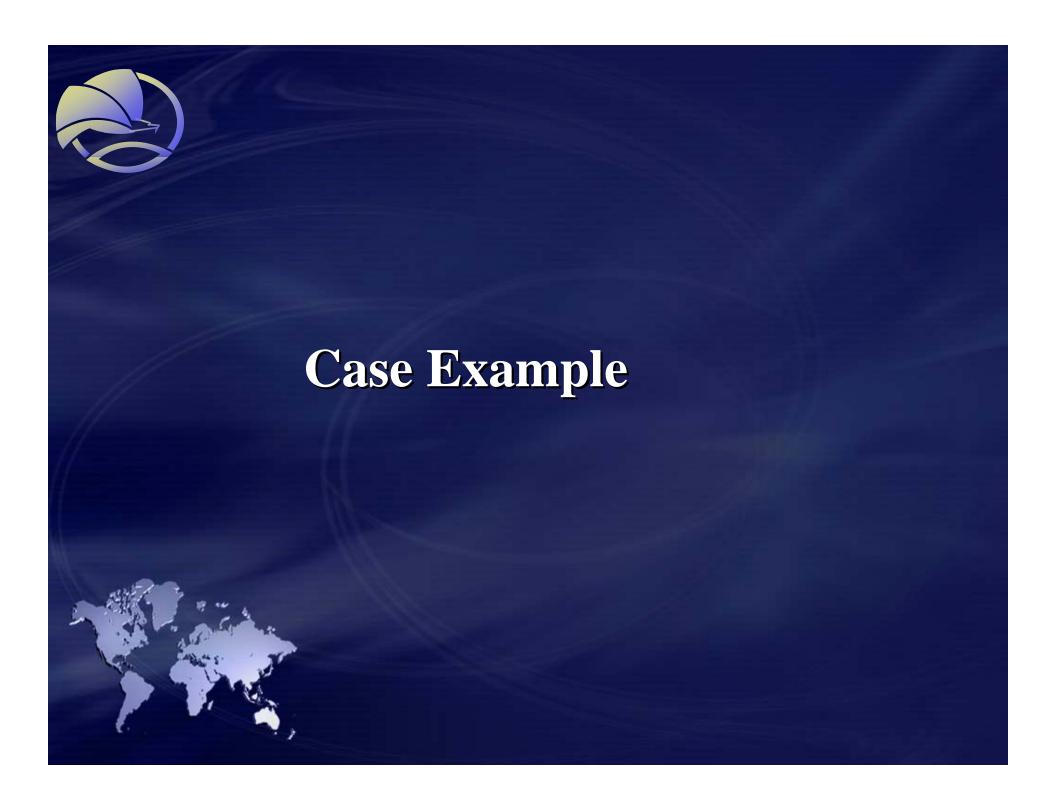




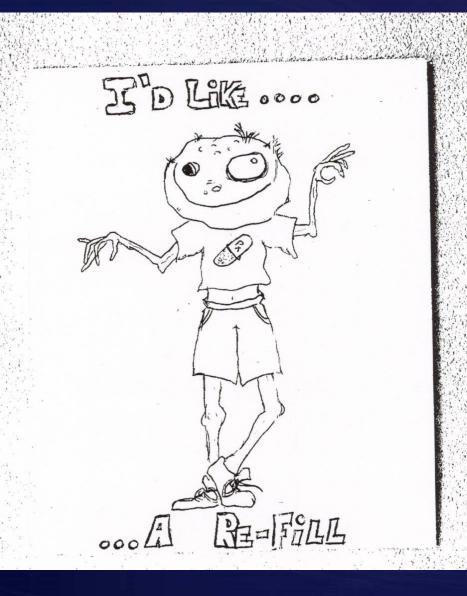
- Web Broker / Facilitator (optional)
- Practitioner
- Pharmacy
- \*\*All members of scheme are complicit thereby eliminating all checks and balances
- Source of Supply



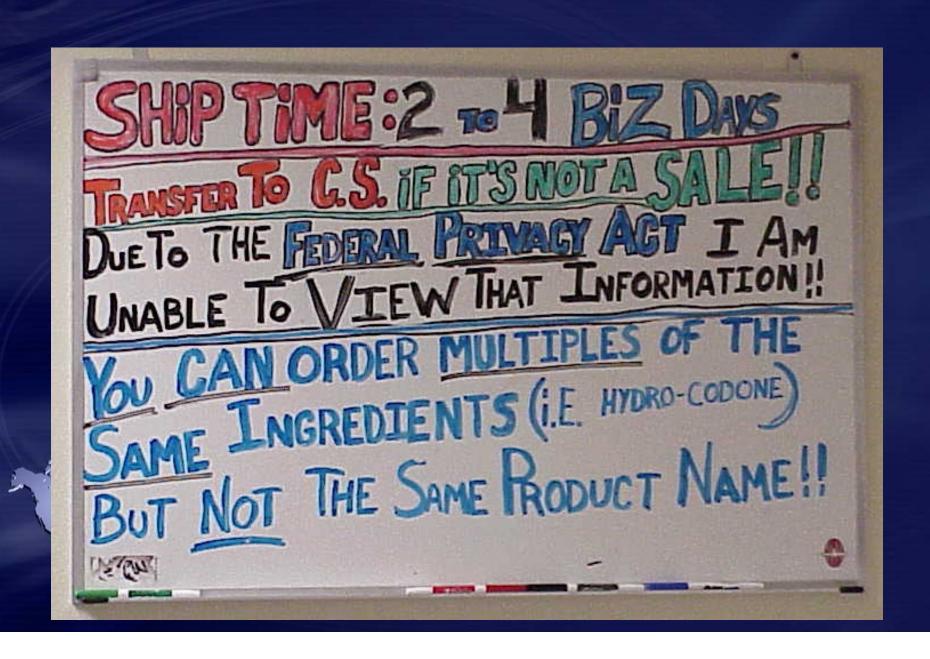


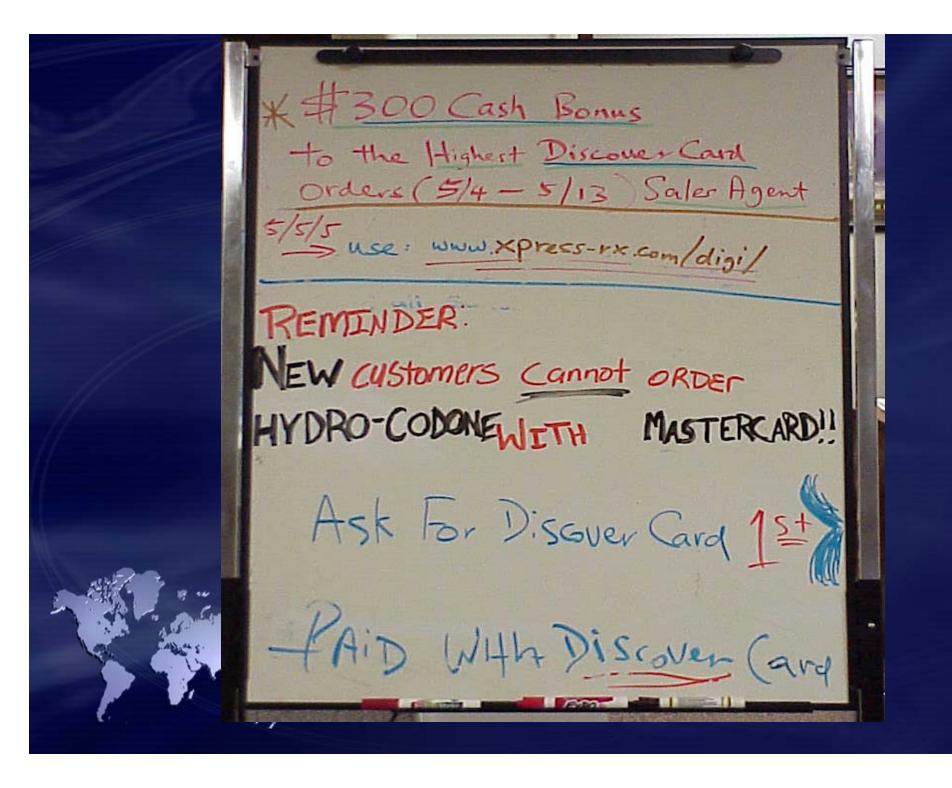


#### **Defendant's Attitude Toward His Customers**



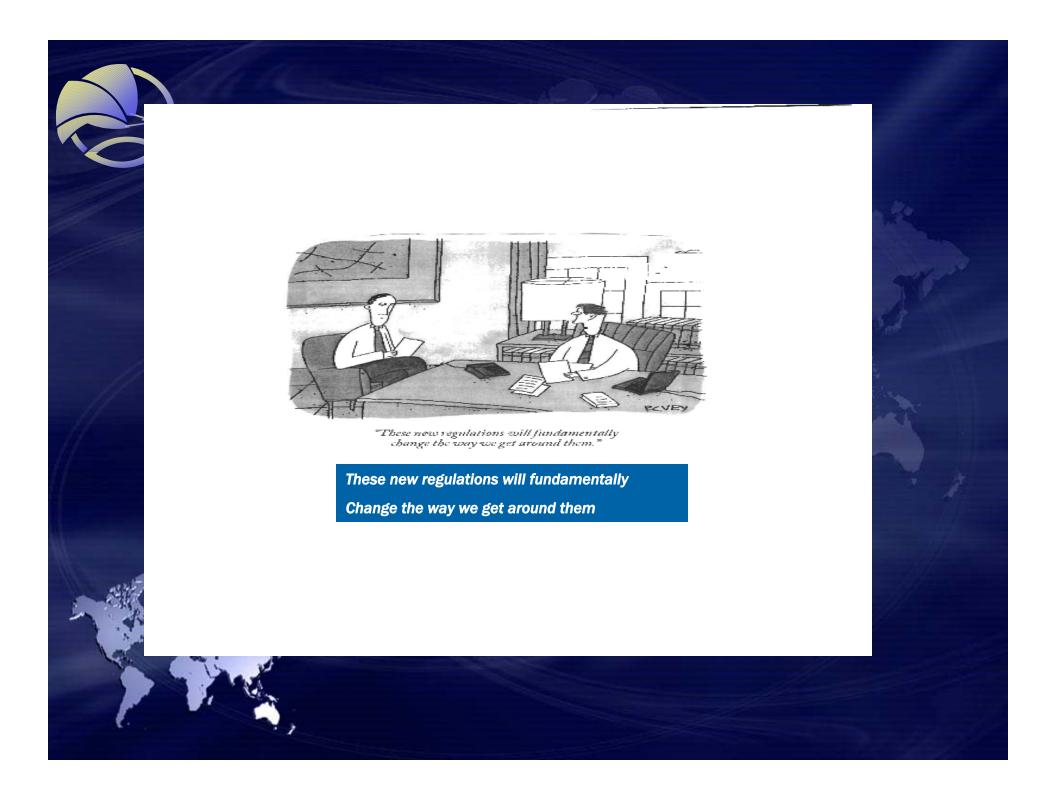
#### **Defendant's Attitude Toward His Business**











# Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act

- > Ryan Haight Act was enacted on 10/15/08.
- > Amends the CSA to prevent the illegal distribution of controlled substances by Internet.
- > DEA issued regulations to implement the Act on April 6, 2009 (74 FR 15596).



# Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act

- > New DEA registration requirements for all Internet pharmacies
- > Disclosure requirement on home page
  - > Name, address, phone, & E-mail of all pharmacies
  - > Name & license # of pharmacists in charge
  - > Name, address, phone, degree of all physicians
- > Statutory implementation 180 days from signing on October 15, 2008 (April 13, 2009)



# Registration, Reporting and Disclosure Requirements

- > New DEA registration requirements for all Internet pharmacies
  - ➤ Modification of existing Retail Pharmacy registration
- > Reporting requirements
  - **➤** Monthly basis
  - > All controlled substances dispensed (total of each)
  - > Thresholds
    - > 100 or more CS prescriptions
    - > 5,00 or more total dosage units
- Disclosure requirements on home page
  - **▶** Identify servicing pharmacies, pharmacist in charge, and physicians

### Per Se Violations

Automatic Violation of the CSA if any of the following occurs:

- > No in-person medical evaluation by prescribing practitioner
- > Online pharmacy not properly registered with modified registration.
- > Website fails to display required information

# **New Felony Offense Internet Trafficking**

- > 21 USC 841(h)(1): It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally
  - (A) deliver, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance by means of the Internet, except as authorized by this title; or
  - (B) aid or abet any violation in (A)



# **Current CSA Registrant Population**

#### Total Population: 1,311,208

<b>Practitioner</b>	

- **▶** Mid-Level Practitioner
- > Pharmacy
- > Hospital/Clinic
- > Manufacturer
- > Distributor
- > Researcher
- Analytical Labs
- > NTP
- > ADS Machine

- 1,055,392
- 159,488
- 65,643
- 16,036
- 515
- 810
- 6,115
- 1,494
- 1,246
- 161



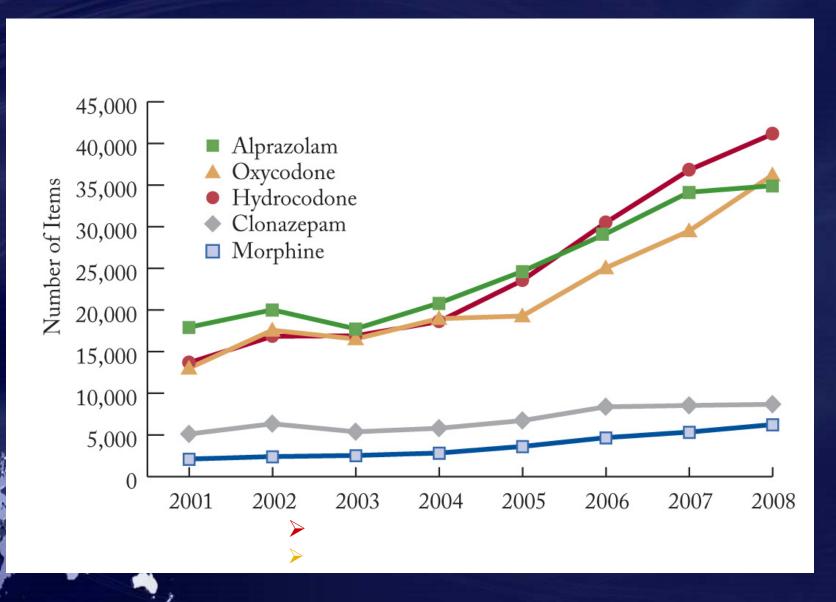
#### **Current Schemes**

#### > Pain Clinics

- > A significant number are based in Florida
- > Treat on avg 100+ "patients" per day
- > \$150 \$250 cash for Doctor's visit
- > \$200 \$400 cash for prescription
- Dispensation directly from clinic or script is issued
  - > Scripts are filled in numerous states
- > They do not accept insurance, Medicare/Medicaid or credit cards
- "Patients" from Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia
  - > Travel to Florida individually by car, airplane or in groups on buses or chartered planes
- > Drug dispensed
  - > Oxycodone (avg. 120 tablets per script)



#### Number of Exhibits Submitted by S&L Law Enforcement



#### Hydrocodone, APAP c-III

- > Brand Names: Vicodin®, Lortab®, Lorcet®
- "Cocktail" used by drug abusers
  - > Hydrocodone
  - Soma / carisoprodol
  - Alprazolam / Xanax®
- Vicodin / hydrocodone second only to marijuana as the 'drug of choice' for teens
- ➤ \*In 2004 U.S. consumed 99% of world's supply of hydrocodone yet the U.S. makes up only 4.5% of the world's population



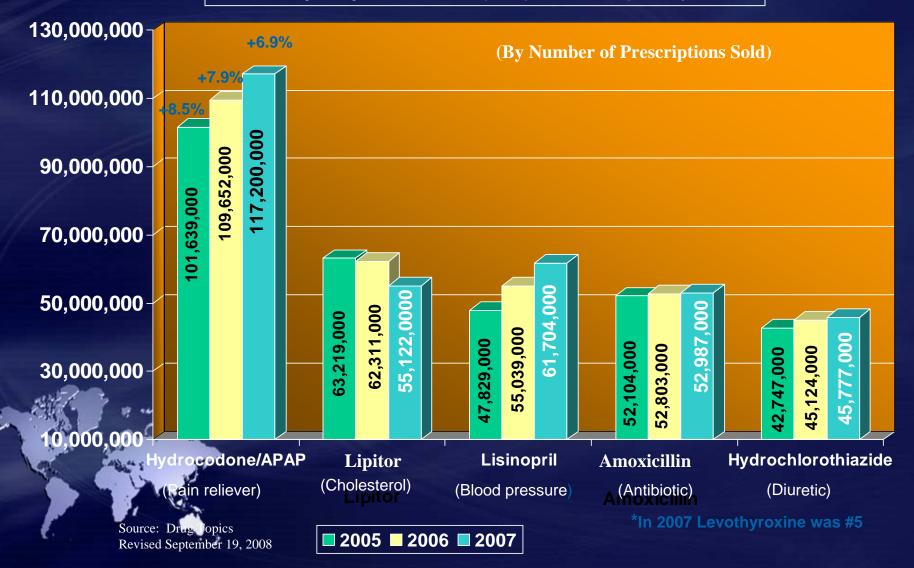


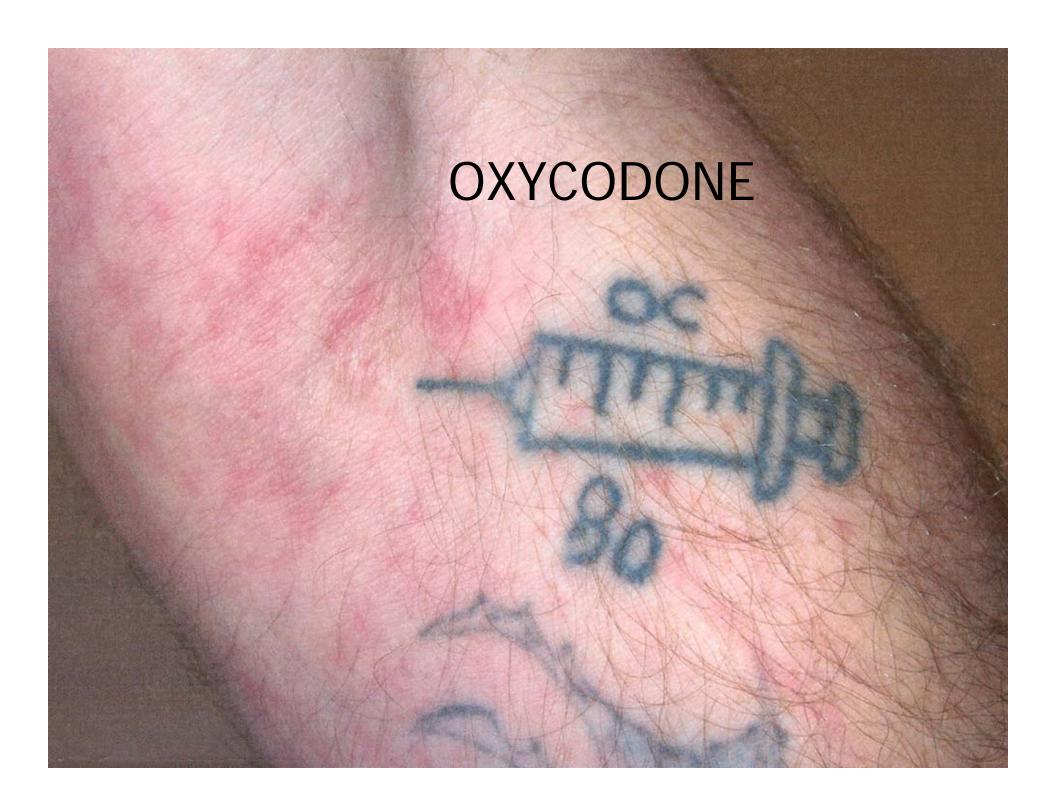
#### NFLIS National Data - 2006 Narcotic Analgesics

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Methadone	7,023	10.49%
Morphine	3,887	5.81%
Codeine	2,597	3.88%
Propoxyphene	1,488	2.22%
Hydromorphone	1,303	1.95%
Dihydrocodeine	1,290	1.93%
Fentanyl	1,270	1.90%
Buprenorphine	1,113	1.66%

# Top Five Prescription Drugs Sold in the U.S. (2005-2007)

Note: Percentage change from the number of prescriptions sold in the previous years.





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#### NFLIS National Estimates Oxycodone



### Alprazolam Xanax® (Z-bars)

- Drug abusers often prefer alprazolam due to its rapid onset and longer duration of action
- Alprazolam was ranked third in the number of prescriptions for controlled substances in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006\*
- For all sales of generic pharmaceuticals, alprazolam was ranked 7<sup>th\*\*</sup>

Source IMS Health
\*\* Source Verispan VONA



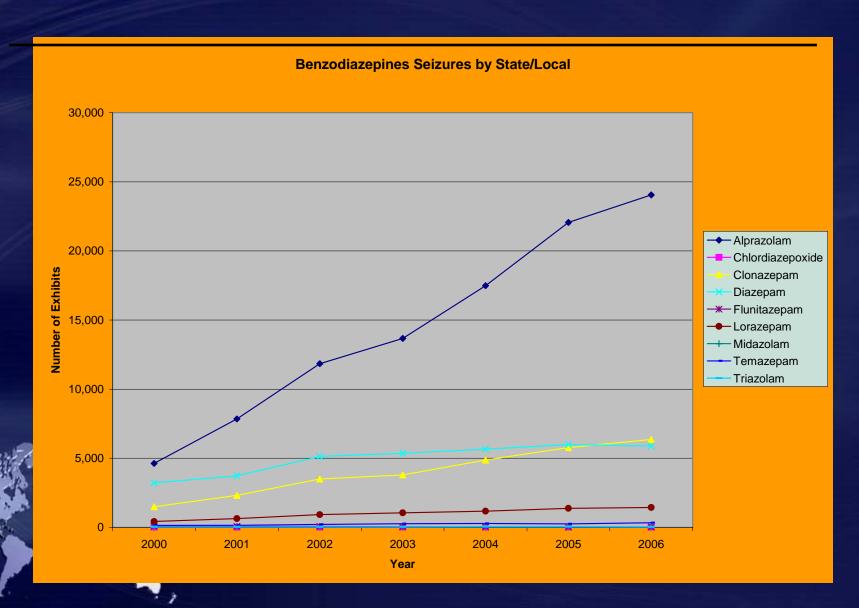
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Photo from the Physicians Desk Reference

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#### State and Local Seizure Data

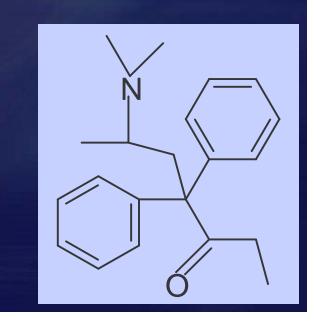


# Other Controlled Substances

- Phentermine
- Phendimetrazine
- Amphetamine Alks
- Methylphenidate



# METHADONE



#### editorials

# Rising methadone deaths.

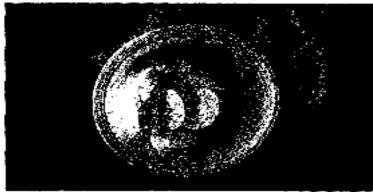
**Dur view:** Baltimore public health officials are trying to find out if treatment for chronic pain sufferers accounts for increase in methadone overdoses

HE JUNE LETTRH FROM THE BALITMORE REALTH DEpartment alerted physicians, curses and other providers to a significant increase in methadone-related overdose deaths. The letter from Dr. Laura Herrera, a deputy city health commissioner, raised the possibility that the overdoses involved prescriptions for pain. It was a cautionary reminder that health care providers should educate their patients about the proper use of methadone and the lethal risks of taking extra doses.

Dr. Herrera was right to be concerned: Methadone overdose deaths of city residents have risen from seven in 1995 to 74 in 2007. In 2007, the last year for which statistics are available, there was a 23 percent increase in such deaths over the previous year. The city deaths coincide with a similarly disturbing fivefold increase in methadone related deaths nationally between 1999 and 2005. But proving that the use of methadone as a poin reliever caused these deaths lan't easy—no one tracks how thanty physicians prescribe methadone to relieve thronic pain from cancer or arthritis, for example.

Prescribing methadone has been an accepted form of treatment for chronic pain for some time, according to pain specialists at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the University of Maryland Medical Center. They add that they have seen no methadone-related deaths among their patients. Methadone used for pain treatment is prescribed in pill form; its risk stems from the drug's polency and its lingering presence in the body once its pain-relieving function has ceased. An extra desa could slow down a patient's breathing, resulting in come or death.

To identify the extent of the problem and the patients most at risk, the city Health Department has reviewed data from the medical examiner's office. It also has asked the quasi-public city agency that oversees drug treatment in Baltimore to cross check methodone overdose victims against its patient rosters. That's a critical aspect of the review because it rould uncover misuse, abuse or diversion of methodone



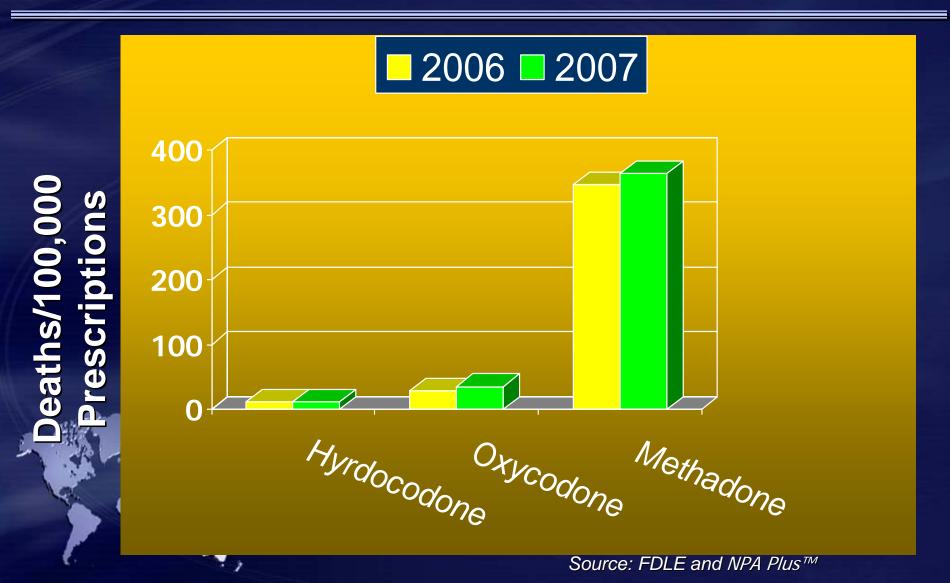
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from drug treatment centers. Or it could lend credence to the prevailing view that more training is required for private physiciaus who prescribe methadope for pain.

At least 29 states have prescription monitoring programs that would identify indiscriminate prescribing doctor-shopping and other abuses. A task force established this year in Maryland is studying the possibility of establishing a similar tracking system for methadone and other controlled substances.

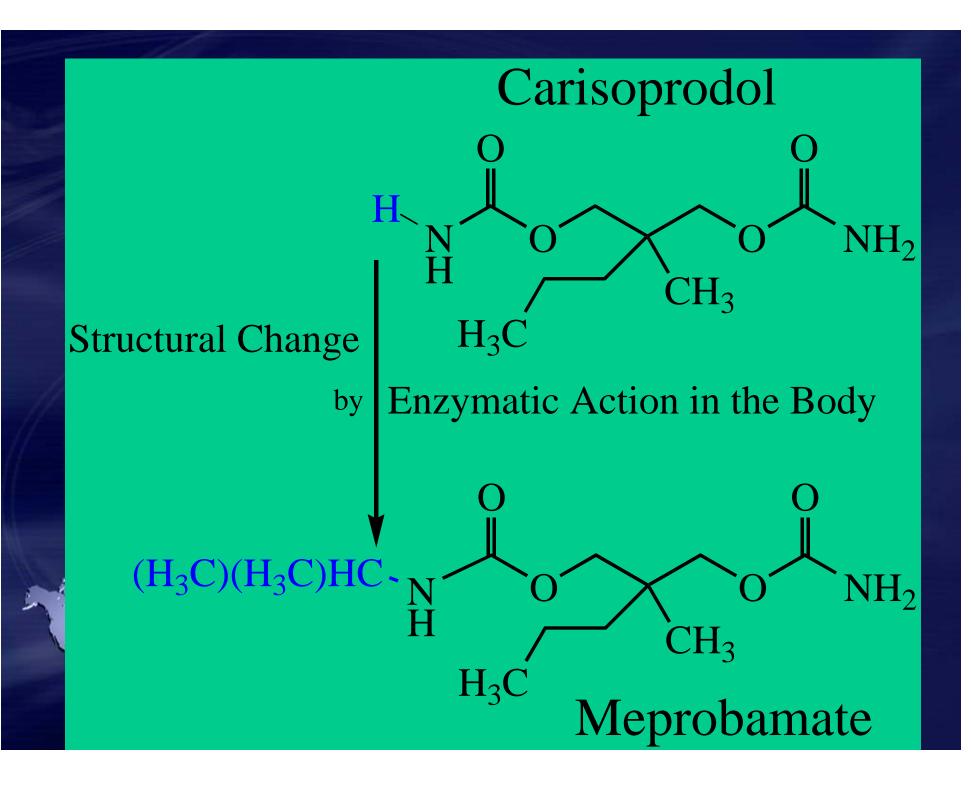
Until then, Dr. Herrera and her colleagues at the Health Department have moved expeditiously and forthrightly to unravel this mystery. The results of their findings are the key to understanding and reversing this disturbing trend.

# Deaths/100,000 Prescriptions in Florida



#### Non-Controlled Substances

- Analgesic:
  - Tramadol (Ultram®, Ultracet®)
- Muscle Relaxant:
  - Carisoprodol (Soma®)
  - Cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril®)
- Cough Suppressant:
  - Dextromethorphan (DXM)
    - Over-the-Counter (OTC) cold medication, such as: Coricidin® HPB Cough and Cold Tablets and Robitussin® Cough Syrup.





#### **Self-Certification**

- > Seller self-certifies that -
  - Employees have been trained in retail sales regulations
  - Understands & agrees to comply with laws
  - Maintains copy
- > Internet-based
  - Automated -- no need for direct interaction
  - Certification, NOT registration
  - Available to state & local officials
- ➤ Approximately 64,000 vendors have selfcertified





## **CMEA Self-Certification Status**

as of 5/11/2009

<b>General Merchandise Stores</b>	233
Convenience Stores	5,857
<b>Discount Department Stores</b>	1,862
Gas Stations	9,423
<b>Grocery Stores</b>	6,451
Other Health & Personal Care	312
Pharmacy and Drug Stores	35,557
<b>Specialty Food Stores</b>	27
Warehouse Clubs & Superstores	4,535

**Total 64,268 Regulated Sellers** 

## **Self-Certification Fee**

- > Effective on February 1, 2009
- Established \$21 self-certification fee for regulated sellers of scheduled listed chemical products.
- > DEA registered pharmacies are exempt from fee.

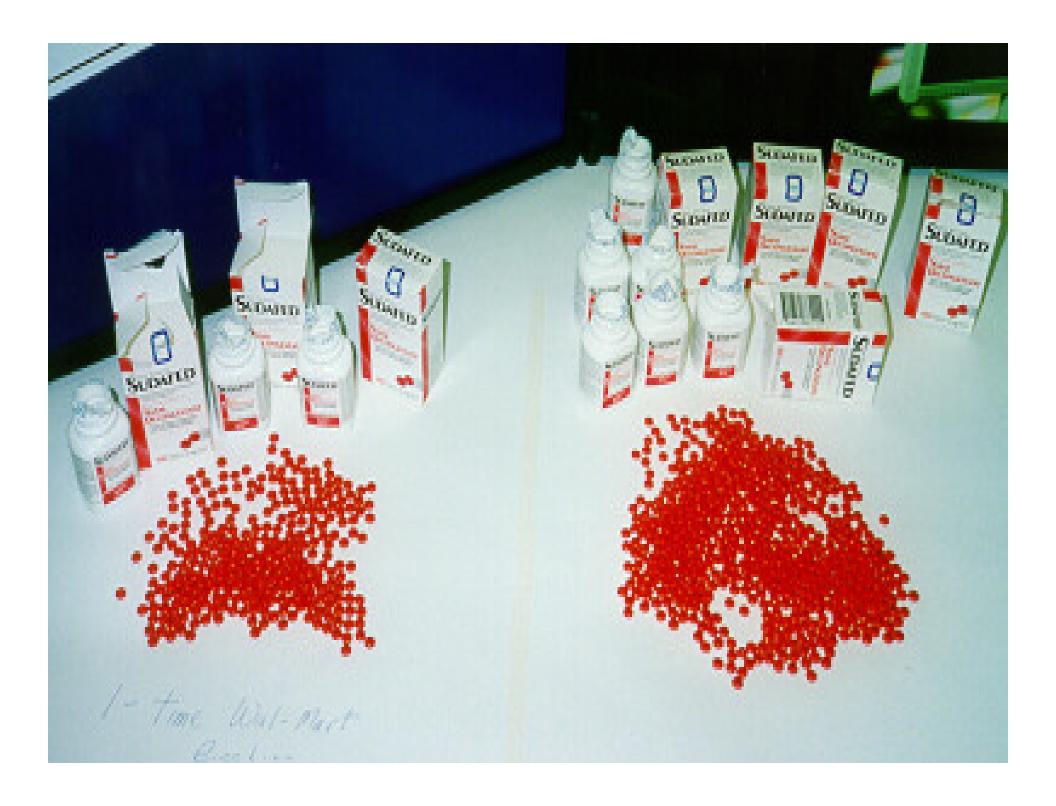


# Smurfing



## **Smurfing**

- > 30 pounds of PSE seized after a day-long surveillance of five associated individuals conducting smurfing activities.
- > Three members of the same organization were followed as they purchased PSE from 22 different stores and were not denied sales during any of the transactions (2 alerts were received, no stop sales).
- Due to the deterrent effects from the CMEA
   "smurfers" in the Mid-West are being paid between
   \$50 to \$75 dollars per box of tablets.







# Methamphetamine Production Prevention Act of 2008

- > S. 1276 and Public Law 110-415 sponsored by Sen. Richard Durbin {D-IL]
- > Signed by the President on October 14, 2008
- > Amended the CSA to expand written and electronic logbook requirements applicable to sales of scheduled listed chemical products
- > Permits mix of manual and electronic capture of information

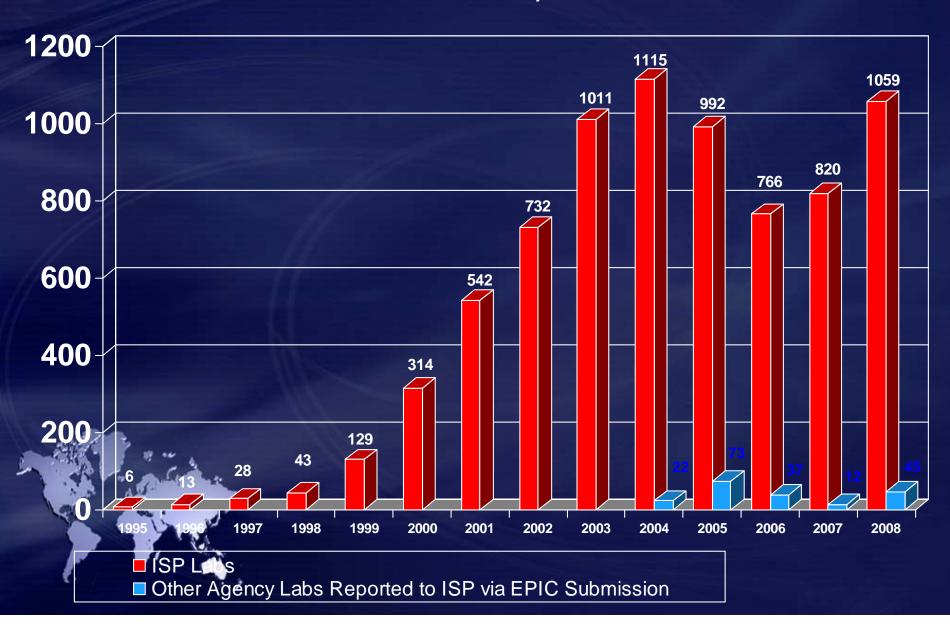
## Logbook Access Issues

- > 21 CFR §1314.30(i)
- "The records required to be kept under this section must be readily retrievable and available for inspection and copying by authorized employees of the Administration under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. 880."
- $\geq$  21 U.S.C.§830(c)(2)
- "Information referred to in paragraph (1) may be disclosed only –
- (D) to a State or local official or employee in conjunction with the enforcement of controlled substance laws or chemical control laws."

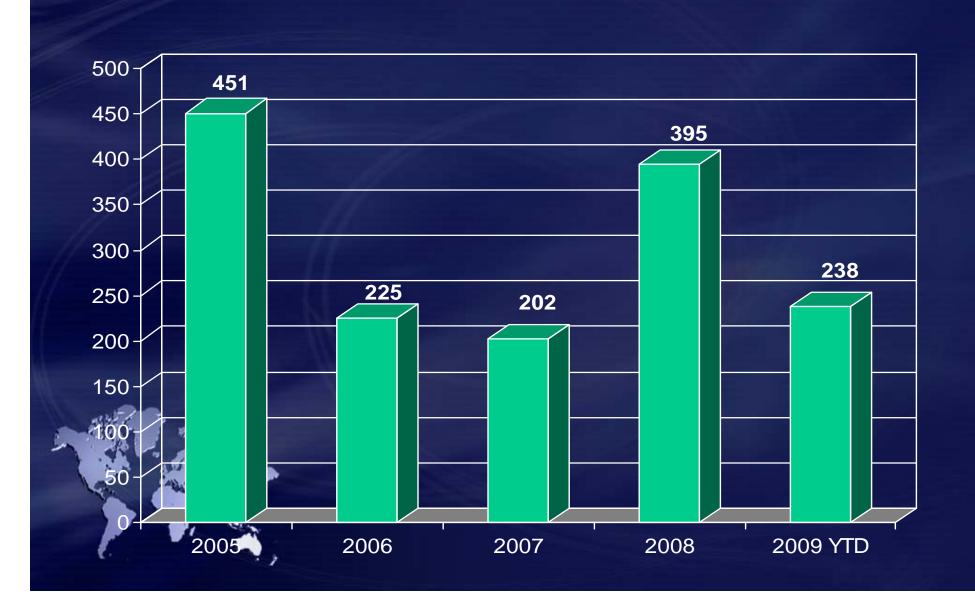
# DEA & State / Local Clan Lab Seizure Stats Meth Labs\* / All Drug Labs\*\*

CY Year	All Incidents*	Labs Only*	Super Labs*	California Super Labs*	Children Affected/Injured/Killed**	Law Enforcement Injured	Suspects Injured/Killed**
2004	18,584	10,335	54	42	3,092 / 12 / 3	95	167 / 26
2005	13,408	6,308	34	28	1,873 / 4 / 1	32	78 / 13
2006	8,445	4,072	18	14	1,325 / 0 / 0	22	28 / 7
2007	6,153	3,068	11	10	849 / 7 / 1	42	49 / 8
2008	6,972	3,632	18	15	1,106 / 6 / 0	51	82 / 9
2009 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr	935	506	7	1	113 / 4 / 0	1	7/0

#### Indiana Clan Labs Reported 1995-2008







#### Tennessee Lab Incidents 1999-2009\*



#### Oregon Lab Stats 2003-2007

2003	2003		2004		2005		2006		<u>2007</u>	
January	34	January	40	January	24	January	9	January	3	
February	38	February	42	<b>February</b>	19	February	6	February	0	
March	36	March	49	March	23	March	15	March	1	
April	49	April	39	April	31	April	8	April	1	
May	51	May	59	May	26	May	4	May	4	
June	26	June	42	June	15	June	6	June	0	
July	37	July	42	July	7	July	4	July	0	
August	42	August	30	August	10	August	6	August	1	
September	52	September	28	September	8	September	2	September	3	
October	53	October	34	October	13	October	2	October	2	
November	33	November	18	November	9	November	1	November	3	
December	22	December	25	December	7	December	0	December	0	
	473		448		192		63		18	

Purple Behind counter PSE sales Blue Pharmacy only sales of PSE

**Green** PSE became Schedule

#### One Pot Meth Production

#### Combine

- PSE tablets whole or ground up
- Solvent ether, camp fuel
- Lithium
- Sodium Hydroxide
- Water
- Exothermic Reaction
  - Filter off liquid
  - Use HCl generator to crash out Meth







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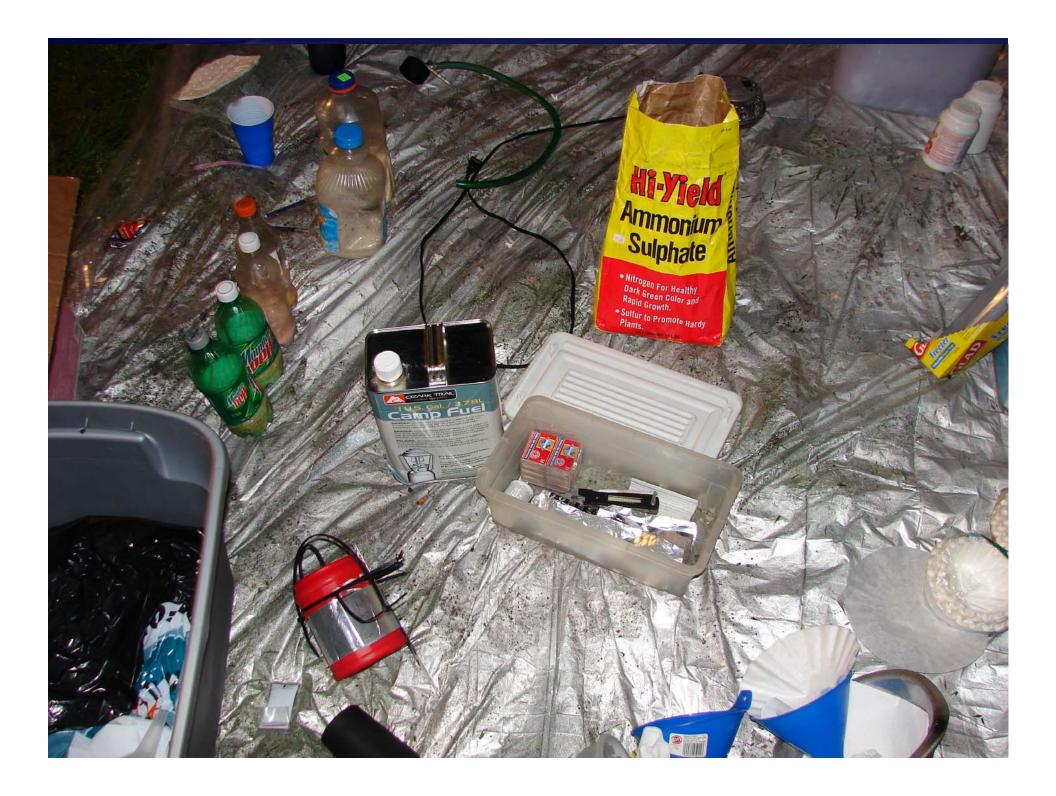
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#### One Pot Conclusion

- With this method, they no longer have to use anhydrous ammonia.
- Nearly 100% of the labs in northern Indiana and Southern Michigan are one pot labs
- These are bottle bombs if they don't relieve the pressure.
- Soup dope is a similar method but they throw everything including the Anhydrous Ammonia into one pot to make the meth





### Methamphetamine Seizures at the U.S. Southwest Border

(In Kilograms)



\*Source: EPIC, SWB Seizure Statistics, as of 3/31/09; these methamphetamine statistics are for Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

#### Percentage of Antihistamine Drugs Found in Methamphetamine Seizures POE Mexico - U.S. Border

Chlorpheniramine	42%
> Triprolidine (Actifed)	23%
Loratadine (Claritin)	18%
Brompheniramine	8%
Dextromethorphan	5%
Carbinoxamine	0%



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#### **Current ONDCP Guidelines**

- > ONDCP guidelines for the disposal of ultimate user medications, including dispensed controlled substances (Feb. 20, 2007).
- Advise public to flush medications only if the prescription label or accompanying patient information specifically states to do so.
- > ONDCP recommends a minimal deactivation procedure, and disposal in common household trash.

#### **Ultimate User Disposal**

- > ANPRM published on January 21, 2009 in the Federal Register.
- Entitled "Disposal of Controlled Substances by Persons Not Registered With the Drug Enforcement Administration".
- > Seeking options for the safe and responsible disposal of patient owned controlled substances consistent with CSA.
- > Comment period ended March 23, 2009.



#### **Ultimate User Disposal**

- > Solicited information on the disposal of CS dispensed to ultimate user from:
  - ✓ ultimate users
  - ✓ law enforcement
  - ✓ interest groups
  - ✓ long-term care facilities
  - ✓ hospices and in-home care groups

- **✓** pharmacies
- ✓ reverse distributors
- ✓ state regulatory agencies
- ✓ other interested parties

158 Comments Received

#### **Closed System**

- ➤ Under the CSA, Congress established a "closed system" of distribution to prevent the diversion of controlled substances.
- > All persons who lawfully handle controlled substances must be registered with DEA or exempt from registration.
- ➤ Ultimate users are not required to register with DEA to possess controlled substances.



#### **CSA Definitions**

**Under the Controlled Substances Act...** 

- An "<u>ultimate user</u>" is a person who has lawfully obtained, and who possesses, a controlled substance for his own use or for the use of a member of his household or for an animal owned by him or by a member of his household.
- To <u>distribute</u> means to deliver (other than by administering or dispensing) a controlled <u>substance</u> or a listed chemical.

#### **Registration Requirement**

- > Ultimate users are not permitted to distribute controlled substances for the purpose of destruction without being separately registered.
- ➤ Because of the registration requirement, it is unlawful for ultimate users to give their controlled substances to pharmacies, reverse distributors, etc. for destruction.



#### Law Enforcement Involvement

• Registration is waived for "Any officer or employee of any State, or any political subdivision or agency thereof, who is engaged in the enforcement of any State or local law relating to controlled substances and is duly authorized to possess controlled substances in the course of his/her official duties."



#### Law Enforcement Involvement

- > Law enforcement officers, acting in an official capacity may receive controlled substances from ultimate users.
- ➤ Law enforcement must safeguard the controlled substances and ensure that they are destroyed properly.
- > Law enforcement must be present during the destruction of the controlled substances.

#### Law Enforcement Involvement

- > DEA regulations outline the procedure for the disposal of controlled substances by persons who are not registrants.
- > Nonregistrants may submit a letter to the local DEA Special Agent in Charge.



#### Legislation in the 111th Congress

- ➤ House Resolution 1359, Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2009
  - > Introduced on 3/5/2009 by Rep. Stupak (MI)
  - > Amend the CSA to allow ultimate user (and LTCF) to deliver drugs to an entity authorized to dispose of them
  - ➤ Grant the Attorney General discretion to promulgate regulations



#### Legislation in the 111th Congress

- ➤ House Resolution 1191, Safe Disposal Act of 2009
  - > Introduced on 2/25/2009 by Rep Inslee (WA)
  - > Amend the CSA to allow states to operate disposal programs
  - ➤ Direct the Attorney General to create five models to permit an ultimate user (and caretaker) to dispose to a designated facility





# Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances



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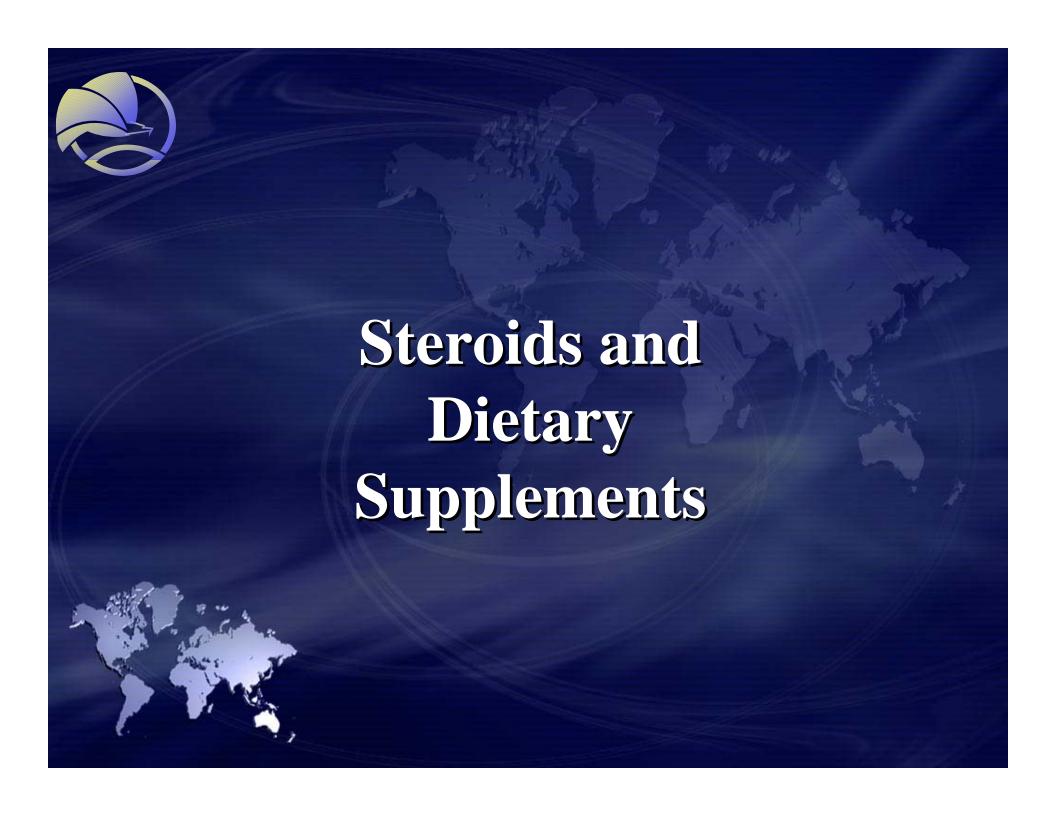
- NPRM Published on June 27, 2008 in the Federal Register
- Proposal to provide DEA registered practitioners and pharmacies with the ability to electronically create, transmit, receive, and archive C II-V controlled substance prescriptions.



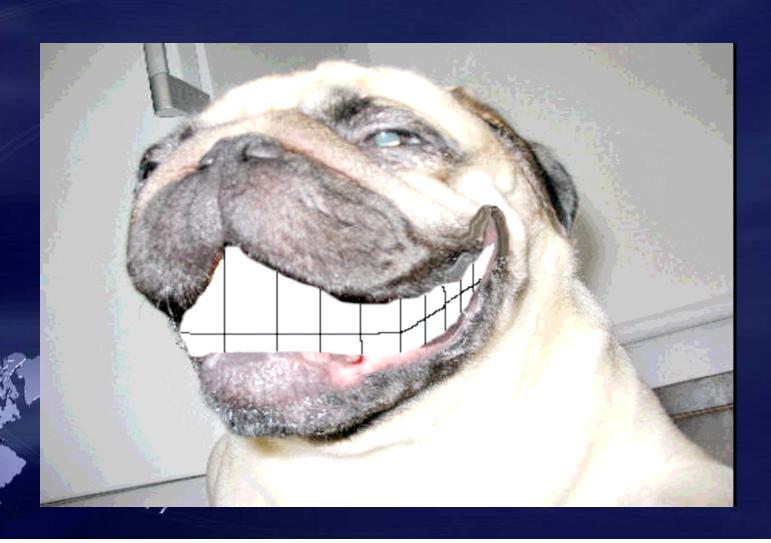
#### **Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances**

- ➤ Comment period ended 9/25/08. More than 230 comments received.
- > Processes and procedures proposed include:
  - > Initial identity verification
  - > Two-factor authentication
  - > Use of HHS transmission standards
  - > No alteration of prescription during transmission





## Steroid Use is all about appearance, not performance



#### **Timeline of Regulatory Control**

- Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 1990
  - Placed 24 steroids under the CSA
- Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994
  - Labeling requirements
- Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004
  - Prohormones added
  - 59 steroids controlled under the CSA
  - Provided DEA with a mechanism to schedule new steroids by administrative process
- DEA NPRM (May 2008) for placement of 3 steroids recently introduced in dietary supplements

Testosterone

#### Illegal Use of Anabolic Steroids

Dosage and duration are two major differences between the medical and illicit use of anabolic steroids

- General therapeutic dosage, 42 to 70 mg/wk on a continual basis
- Non-medical dosage, 200 to 1500 mg/wk for a cycle with potential stacking
- Numerous adverse health effects are attributed to high dosages





#### Requirements under the CSA

to be Controlled as an Anabolic Steroid

#### As per Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004:

- 1. Structurally similar to testosterone
- 2. Pharmacologically related to testosterone
- 3. Substance is not an estrogen, progestin, or a corticosteroid
- 4. Substance is not DHEA



Schedule III



- Expansion of definition by US Congress (1994) to include all products intended as a supplement to diet
- Labeling requirements put forth by the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994
  - Name of each ingredient is to be listed
  - Quantity of each ingredient
  - Identity and strength of the supplement



## Dietary Supplements Designer Steroids

**DRUGS** 

Must be proven safe before approved for market

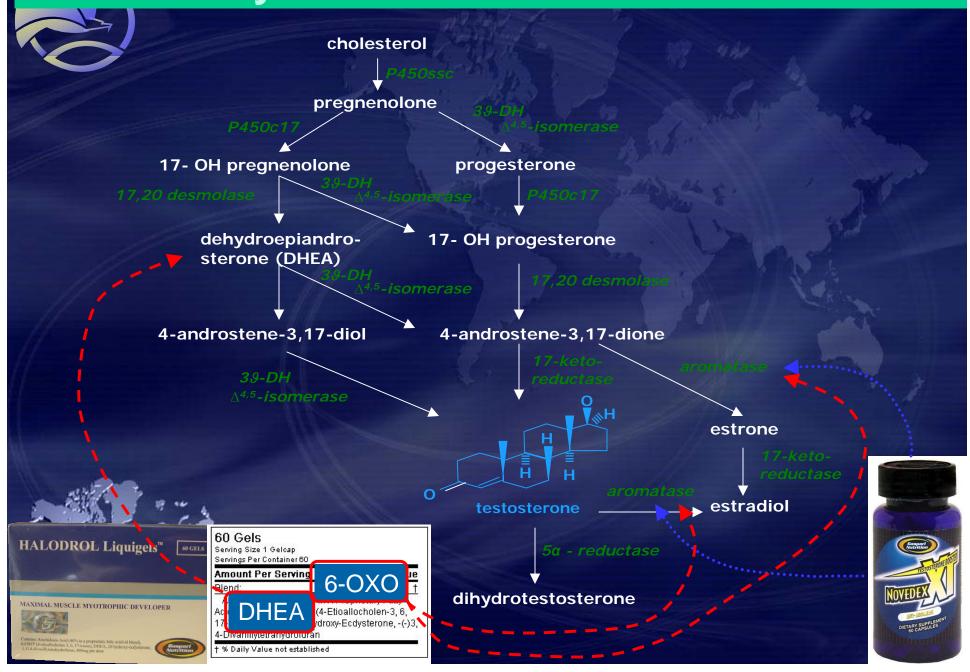
**SUPPLEMENTS** 

Must be proven harmful before removed from market



# SUPPLEMENTS GONE BAD HYDROXYCUT

#### **Synthesis of Testosterone**





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Pharmaceutical Controlled Substance Diversion, Performance Enhancement Drugs and the Internet



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#### **Prohormones**

- Steroids metabolically transformed into active anabolic steroids
- Intended to circumvent controls

4-androstenediol

testosterone

#### Three Steroids to be added to CSA

- DEA in process to control three anabolic steroids in schedule III of the CSA
  - Boldione (Madol)
  - Desoxymethyltestosterone
  - 19-nor-4,9(10)androstadienedione
- As of August 2008, 58 dietary supplements were purported to contain one or more of these three steroids







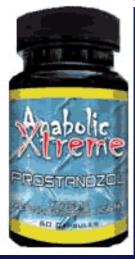


#### Steroids under Evaluation

- Recently, DEA supported testing of three steroids reportedly being abused for anabolic effects
  - methyldrostanolone
  - prostanozol
  - adrenosterone
- All three found in dietary supplements
- Two of the steroids found to be more potent than testosterone
- DEA to draft proposed rule for placement in schedule III as anabolic steroids









#### **DEA Actions**

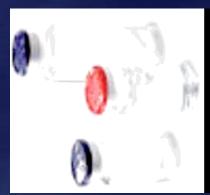
- DEA monitors appearance of new steroids
- Collects data on pharmacological activity
- Evaluate scientific literature to support DEA efforts:
  - over 600 dietary supplements have been analyzed for purity and 15% were found to contain anabolic steroids not reported on the labels
  - New steroids are intended to evade regulatory controls but have unknown pharmacology
- Initiates scientific testing



#### **Human Growth Hormone**

- The 1990 law inserted growth hormone into 21 U.S.C. § 333, the Steroid Trafficking Act.
- Indicated in children for poor growth due to certain medical conditions and for children born small for gestational age. Treatment in adults for Aids wasting and hGH deficiency.
- Regulates body composition, glucose and lipid metabolism, skeletal muscle and bone growth.
- Technically, *not* a controlled substance (federal). But, ... federal law criminalizes whoever knowingly distributes, or possesses with intent to distribute, human growth hormone for any use in humans *other than the treatment of a disease or other recognized medical condition*.
- DEA has authority to investigate





#### **Human Growth Hormone (hGH)**

- Naturally occurring hormone
- Major action is to stimulate protein synthesis
- Prescribed for delayed growth in children
- Also has veterinary uses:
  - Enhancing milk production in cows
  - Stimulates muscle growth and reduces fat deposition in pigs
- hGH abused for synergistic effects in combination with anabolic steroids

#### **Growth Hormone Releasers**

 Also called "hGH Releasers," "hGH Precursors," "hGH Secretagogues"

 They do not contain hGH, they will read "hGHr" – a compilation of amino acids.

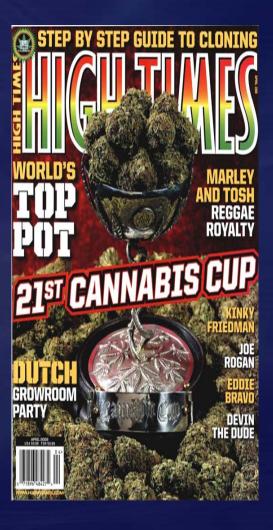




## Salvia Divinorum And Salvinorin A

#### Salvia Divinorum





#### Salvia Divinorum

- Related to the mint family (*Labiatae* or *Lamiaceae*).
- Hundreds of species.
- Perennial herb.
- Indigenous to the State of Oaxaca in Mexico.
- One of several "vision-inducing" plants employed by the Mazatec Indians living in the mountains and uplands valleys of northeastern Oaxaca in Mexico.









#### Salvia Divinorum As Sold Over the Internet

Internet sites advertise Salvia as a legal alternative to other controlled hallucinogens.

#### Sold as:

- Seeds
- Fresh Leaves
- Dried Leaves
- Whole Plants
- Cuttings
- Extracts (5x,10x,15x,20x)





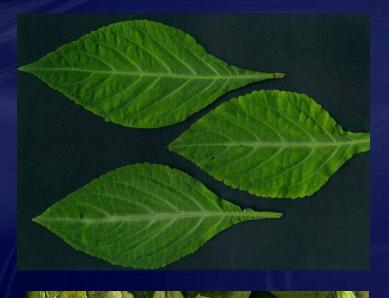








#### Salvia Divinorum Use in the U.S.





Quid method - chewing fresh leave and retaining the leaf mass and juice in the cheek (like chewing tobacco).

Smoking of dried leaves. (Preferred mode of administration by users in the U.S.)

There are anecdotal reports of abuse, but no data from standard drug abuse databases (e.g., DAWN and Poison Control) within the U.S. to accurately estimate the extent of abuse

#### **Effects**

- <u>Psychoactive effects</u> (when they occur) start in about 15 to 30 seconds after smoking, 4-10 minutes after chewing and holding in cheek of mouth and 20-30 minutes after oral ingestion. These effects may include:
  - Visual hallucinations with bright lights, vivid colors with distortion of real images and seeing images that are not there.
  - Out of body experience like that of ketamine (CIII).
- Physical Effects include lack of coordination, dizziness and slurred speech.



#### **DEA Diversion Website**

www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov



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