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Items of Interest

ABC News

[Ex-USC Player: Painkiller Injections Caused Heart Attack](#)

American Society for Automation in Pharmacy

[New Standard for Connectivity to PDMPs](#)

Center for Lawful Access and Abuse Deterrence

[CLAAD Warns of Increase in Prescription Drug Overdoses](#)

DrugFree.org

[To Reduce Prescription Drug Abuse, Focus Less on Patient Satisfaction](#)

Federal Register

[FDA Hearing Pertaining to Use of Opioid Drugs](#)

[DEA Proposes Rules to Implement the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010](#)

Indian Country Today Media Network

[MN Tribes See Prescription Drug Use Leading to Heroin Addiction](#)

InformationWeek

[EHRs Can Thwart Prescription Drug Abuse](#)

Los Angeles Times

Dying for Relief (four part series)

- 1) [Legal Drugs, Deadly Outcomes](#)
- 2) [Reckless Prescribing, Patients Endangered](#)
- 3) [Rogue Pharmacists Feed Addiction](#)
- 4) [Reckless Doctors Go Unchecked](#)

New York Times	A New Painkiller Crackdown Targets Drug Distributors
	Deadly Fake Medicines
Washington Post	Rising Painkiller Addiction Shows Damage from Drugmakers' Role in Shaping Medical Opinion

Prescription Drug Studies and Research

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Use and Characteristics of EHR Systems](#)

National Institutes of Health

[Substance Abuse Diagnoses Increasing in U.S.](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

[Electronic Medical Records Reduce Negative Outcomes](#)

U.S. News & World Report

[Painkiller Abuse by Kids Way Up, Study Finds](#)

[Drop in Illicit Drug Use in Cities, Uptick in Prescription Drug Abuse](#)

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences

February [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America 23rd National Leadership Forum](#)

March [Military EHR Symposium](#)

[Health Information Exchange Symposium](#)

April [Federation of State Medical Board's Annual Meeting](#)

[National Rx Drug Abuse Summit](#)

[American Academy of Pain Medicine Safe Opioid Prescribing Initiative](#)

[Professional Law Enforcement Training "Fighting the War Against Prescription Drug Abuse"](#)

May [NABP 109th Annual Meeting](#)

[American Pain Society 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

[NCPDP's Annual Technology and Business Conference](#)

[National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers Annual Conference](#)

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