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### **Items of Interest**

#### ***Federal Register***

[Veterans Affairs – Disclosures To Participate in State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs](#)

#### ***National Institutes of Health***

[Positive Parenting Prevents Drug Abuse](#)

#### ***New York Times***

[FDA Likely to Add Limits on Painkillers](#)

[Unused Pills Raise Issue of Disposal and Risks](#)

[Massachusetts Plans Stricter Control of Compounding Pharmacies](#)

[FDA Recommends Lower Doses of Sleep Aids for Women](#)

[NYC to Restrict Prescription Painkillers in Public Hospitals' Emergency Rooms](#)

#### ***Northwest Regional Primary Care Association***

[National Summit on Opioid Safety](#)

#### ***PDMP Training and Technical Assistance Center***

[Controlled Substance Agency Resource Directory](#)

#### ***Reuters***

[Drug Overdoses top Aids as Main Cause of Homeless Death](#)

#### ***U.S. Department of Health and Human Services***

[1<sup>st</sup> HIPAA Breach Settlement](#)

***Wall Street Journal***

[New Designs to Make Health Records Easier for Patients to Use](#)

[A Pain-Drug Champion Has Second Thoughts](#)

## **Prescription Drug Studies and Research**

### ***California Workers' Compensation Institute***

[Estimated Savings from Enhanced Opioid Management Controls through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Payor Access to CURES](#)

### ***Center for Substances Abuse Research***

[Persons with Buprenorphine Prescriptions Have Higher Rates of Medical Conditions Associated with Pain and Comorbid Psychiatric Disorders](#)

### ***Florida Department of Law Enforcement***

[Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons by Florida Medical Examiners – 2011 Interim Report](#)

### ***Journal of the International Association for the Study of Pain***

[Racial Disparities in the Monitoring of Patients on Chronic Opioid Therapy](#)

### ***MedlinePlus***

[Youth Who Overeat More Likely to Take Up Drugs](#)

[Copying Common In Electronic Medical Records](#)

[Many More Doctors Using Electronic Health Records](#)

### ***National Institute on Drug Abuse***

[Monitoring the Future 2012 Survey Results](#)

### ***Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration***

[Nearly 1/3 of College Student Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions with Co-occurring Mental Disorders Abuse Prescription Drugs](#)

[Sharp Rise in Buprenorphine-related Emergency Department Visits From 2005 to 2010](#)

[Emergency Department Visits Involving AD/HD Stimulant Medications](#)

## **Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences**

### ***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 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#)

[American Pain Society 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

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

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

### ***June***

[International Conference on Opioids](#)

[ASAP Midyear Conference](#)

### ***July***

[Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Mid-Year Training Institute](#)

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