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The News Brief is provided to you by the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) at Brandeis University. The News Brief consolidates information on various topics related to prescription drugs which may be of interest to PDMPs and other state agencies, federal partners, and other stakeholders. The TTAC team will strive to include relevant articles, news stories, and general information specific to PDMPs as well as general prescription drug facts. The TTAC welcomes comments and suggestions about the information included in the News Brief. Please send your comments to: info@pdmpassist.org.

The 2014 State PDMP Survey results have been compiled and the updated information is available on the PDMP TTAC website. The response rate to this survey was unprecedented – 100%. The information provided should prove invaluable to interested parties as they research the current status and capabilities of PDMPs. In the near future, TTAC will expand the [State Profiles](#) and [State Profile Reports](#) to include additional pertinent information gleaned from the survey. The TTAC staff is well aware of the demands on a PDMP administrator’s time and cannot thank them enough for completing the survey and their work in addressing the prescription drug abuse epidemic.

Items of Interest

[Blue Cross Cuts Back on Painkiller Prescriptions](#)

[Drug Firms Have Used Dangerous Tactics to Drive Sales to Treat Kids](#)

[Q&A with Addiction Medicine Expert: The Impact of Zohydro](#)

[Privacy Being Tightened for Prescription Drug Monitoring Databases](#)

[Safety Concerns about Legal Marijuana Edibles](#)

[Senate Tackles Prescription Drug Abuse](#)

[NIH Expert Warns Against Legalizing Pot](#)

[Missouri Likely to Remain the Only State Without Prescription Drug Database](#)

The Boston Globe

Denver Post

Drugfree.org

Drugfree.org

Fox News

The Hill

The Hill

Kansas City Public Media

Ending the Drug Wars	London School of Economics IDEAS Center
FDA Oks Quick-Acting Antidote for Prescription Painkiller Overdose	Medline Plus
Abuse of Prescription Pain Medications Risks Heroin Use	National Institute on Drug Abuse
HHS Leaders Call for Expanded Use of Medications to Combat Opioid Overdose Epidemic	National Institutes of Health
FDA Advisers Vote Against Approving New Opioid Painkiller	National Public Radio
Hand-Held Treatment for Overdoses Is Approved	New York Times
Addiction Specialists Wary of New Painkiller	New York Times
US Drug Courts Favor Treatment for Addiction Over Jail Time	NBC News
America's Heroin Epidemic	NBC News
Purdue Pharma L.P. Submits NDA for Once-Daily Hydrocodone Bitartrate Extended-Release Tablets Formulated to Incorporate Abuse-Deterrent Properties	PR Newswire
Doctors, Medical Staff on Drugs Put Patients at Risk	USA Today

Prescription Drug Studies and Research

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Data Online Query System	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Physicians are a Leading Source of Prescription Opioids for the Highest-Risk Users	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Prescription Drug Monitoring and Drug Overdose Mortality	Injury Epidemiology
Antidepressant Dose, Age, and the Risk of Deliberate Self-harm	The JAMA Network
Alcohol and Marijuana Use Patterns Associated with Unsafe Driving Among U.S. High School Seniors	Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs
Extended-release Medication Offers Promise for Treating Alcohol, Opioid Dependence	MedicalXpress
Monitoring the Future 2013 Survey Results	National Institute on Drug Abuse
Surge in Narcotic Prescriptions for Pregnant Women	New York Times
Gender Differences in Primary Substance of Abuse Across Age Group	SAMHSA
ADHD Drugs Hurt Your Memory	Time

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences

June

8-10	2014 International Conference on Opioids - Boston, MA
23-27	Principles and Practice of Pain Medicine - Cambridge, MA
28-29	DEA Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference - Phoenix, AZ

July

- 12-13 [DEA Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference](#) - Philadelphia, PA
- 17-18 [National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators – Multi-State Training Conference](#) – New Orleans, LA
- 20-24 [CADCA Mid-Year Training Institute](#) – Orlando, FL

August

- 2-3 [DEA Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference](#) – Denver, CO
- 5-7 [3rd Annual Generation Rx University Conference](#) – Columbus, OH
- 22-26 [National Conference on Addiction Disorders](#) – St. Louis, MO
- 23-24 [DEA Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference](#) – Salt Lake City, UT
- 27-28 [National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators – Health Facility Diversion Training Conference](#) – Columbus, IN

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