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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@pdmassist.org.

2014 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) National Meeting

The 10th Annual Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program National Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. from September 22 - 24 at the Marriott Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Among the invited speakers are Michael Botticelli (Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy) and Congressman Harold Rogers. This year's meeting contains several important topics for State PDMP Administrators and other stakeholders: new PDMP initiatives, Best Practices employed by PDMPs, round table discussion on prescription drug diversion and abuse, Prescription Monitoring Information Exchange (PMIX) National Architecture enhancements, Data-Driven Multi-Disciplinary Pilot Projects, data transmission from Indian Health Services and Veterans Affairs to PDMPs, and the latest research on PDMPs and identifying at-risk patients. Additionally, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Centers for Disease Control, National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws, PDMP Center of Excellence, and Bureau of Justice Assistance have been invited to offer remarks. If you have not already registered, please do so. View the [REGISTRATION](#) form and preliminary [AGENDA](#).

Items of Interest

[Increasing Access to Medication to Treat Opioid Addiction – Increasing Access for the Treatment of Opioid Addiction with Medications](#)

American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence, Inc.

[Critics: Docs Part of Opiate Crisis](#) **Boston Herald**
[New Tactics to Treat Heroin Addiction Face Hurdles](#) **The Courier Journal**
[Placement of Tramadol into Schedule IV – Final Rule](#) **Drug Enforcement Administration**
[CHOMP Unveils Database that Helps in Battle Against Prescription Drug Abuse](#)
Monterey Herald News
[To End Addiction Epidemic, States Focus on Stopping Doctor Shoppers](#) **National Public Radio**
[Washington State to Require Approval of Packaging for Edible Marijuana Products](#)
New York Times
[Addiction Specialists Wary of New Painkiller](#) **New York Times**
[Missouri Alone in Resisting Prescription Drug Database](#) **New York Times**
[2014 National Drug Control Strategy](#) **Office of National Drug Control Policy**
[Drug Maker Will Study ADHD Medication in Preschool Children](#) **Partnership for Drug-Free Kids**
[North Carolina Opioid Overdose Prevention Program Dramatically Cuts Death](#)
Partnership for Drug-Free Kids
[National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting \(NASPER\) Reauthorization Act of 2014](#)
U.S. Senate

Prescription Drug Studies and Research

[ADHD Drugs Lacking in Safety Studies](#) **Boston Globe**
[Americans Weigh Addiction Risk When Taking Painkillers](#) **Capital Public Radio**
[Decline in Drug Overdose Deaths After State Policy Changes – Florida, 2010-2012](#)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
[Vital Signs: Variation Among States in Prescribing of Opioid Pain Relievers and Benzodiazepines – United States, 2012](#) **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
[Many U.S. Vets Suffer Chronic Pain, Take Narcotic Painkillers: Study](#) **Health Day**
[Many Teens May Get Several Pro-Marijuana Tweets a Day](#) **Health Day**
[Pharmacists' Training, Perceived Roles, and Actions Associated with Dispensing Controlled Substance Prescriptions](#) **National Institutes of Health**
[Prevalence of Substance Misuse in New Patients in an Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic Using a Prescription Monitoring Program](#) **National Institutes of Health**
[Antidepressant Warnings Tied to Suicide Attempts in Youths](#) **Reuters**
[Trends in Drug Use Among Drivers Killed in the U.S. Traffic Crashes, 1999-2010](#) **Science Direct**
[Prescription Stimulants Are 'A Okay': Applying Neutralization Theory to College Students' Nonmedical Prescription Stimulant Use](#) **Taylor & Francis Online**
[Cannabis Joints Damage Lungs More Than Tobacco](#) **The Guardian**
[Top 5 Percent of Opioid Prescribers Write 40 Percent of US Narcotic Prescriptions](#)
Wall Street Journal

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences

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

September

- 13-14 [DEA Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference](#) – Phoenix, AZ
- 15-18 [National Prevention Network – 27th Annual Prevention Research Conference](#) – Hartford, CT
- 18 [The Partnership for Safe Medicines 5th Annual Conference](#) – Washington, D.C.
- 18-21 [American Academy of Pain Management 2014 Annual Clinic Meeting](#) – Phoenix, AZ
- 22-24 [2014 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program National Meeting](#) – Washington, D.C.
- 26-10/1 [2014 Annual Conference of National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors \(NAADAC\)](#) - Seattle, WA
- 29-10/1 [National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators – 14th Annual Basic Diversion School](#) – Virginia Beach, VA
- 30-10/1 [DEA National Conference on Pharmaceutical and Chemical Diversion](#) – Kansas City, MO

October

- 16-17 [2014 Public Health Law Conference](#) – Atlanta, GA

- 18-22 [National Community Pharmacists Association Annual Convention](#) – Austin, TX
- 21-24 [2014 National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities \(NASCSA\) Conference](#) – Savannah, GA

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