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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.

Items of Interest

PDMP East Region Meeting

The TTAC hosted a meeting for the East Region PDMPs (CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT) in Manchester, NH on October 8-9, 2013. The Region meetings provide a great opportunity for PDMP Administrators to meet and strategize on regional topics, as well as obtain information on what is happening with PDMPs both nationally and locally. The East Region meeting included presentations from Connecticut and Delaware on interstate data sharing, Maryland's effort to integrate a PDMP with health information exchanges, Massachusetts research on unsolicited reporting, and New York's I STOP program and enhancements to their PDMP. Also, an informal question and answer session was conducted with members from the New Hampshire PDMP Advisory Council about their challenges and opportunities as they work towards implementation of the NH monitoring program. The representatives from operational PDMPs shared their experiences and wise counsel. [View](#) the presentations.

Federation of State Medical Boards

[Model Policy On The Use Of Opioid Analgesics In The Treatment Of Chronic Pain](#)

Governor's Ambassador Awards (KY)

[Stephanie Hold Winner of Ambassador Award For Leadership](#)

Los Angeles Times

[Horrible Flesh-rotting Drug Krokodil May Be In Chicago, Doctor Says](#)

New England Journal of Medicine

[Abusive Prescribing Of Controlled Substances – A Pharmacy View](#)

SCOPE of Pain

[Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education](#)

State of Ohio

[Opiate Action Team](#)

Trust for America's Health

[Prescription Drug Abuse: Strategies To Stop The Epidemic](#)

UPI.com

[VA Opiate Prescriptions To Vets Skyrocket, Overdoes Deaths Rise](#)

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

[Data Analytics For Oversight And Law Enforcement](#)

Prescription Drug Studies and Research

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Physician Experience With Electronic Health Records Systems That Meet Meaningful Use Criteria](#)

MedlinePlus

[Early Discipline Tied To Less Use Of Drugs, Alcohol In Teens](#)

[Hispanic Teens More Likely To Abuse Drugs: Survey](#)
[Mental And Substance Disorders Major Cause of Nonfatal Illnesses](#)

[Intensive Substance-Abuse Treatment Fails To Deliver Better Results](#)

National Institutes of Health

[NIH-Funded Study Suggests Brain Is Hardwired For Chronic Pain](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

[ED Visits Involving Nonmedical Use Of CNS Stimulants Among Adults Aged 18 To 34 Increased Between 2005 And 2011](#)

[2012 National Survey On Drug use And Health: Summary Of National Findings](#)

[Center For Behavioral Health Statistics And Quality Report](#)

[Bath Salts Were Involved In Over 20,000 Drug-Related Emergency Department Visits in 2011](#)

WebMd

[Some Painkillers Tied To Certain Birth Defects In Study](#)

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences

November

7 - 8 [7th Annual Pain & Migraine Therapeutics Summit](#)

9 - 13 [American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence \(AATOD\) National Conference](#)

18 - 20 [2013 National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference](#)

18 - 21 [2013 Annual Training Conference National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association](#)

19 - 22 [24th Annual Conference National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators](#)

December

10 - 12 [Drug Law Enforcement Training Program \(law enforcement only\)](#)

11 - 12 [Institute for Health Technology Transformation - Health IT Summit](#)

January

6 [Prescribed: Fighting the War on Prescription Drugs \(law enforcement only\)](#)

16 - 18 [The American Society for Automation in Pharmacy Annual Conference](#)

28 - 29 [5th Annual Different Faces of Substance Abuse Conference](#)

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