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Items of Interest

- [Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs: Tools for Education, Epidemiological Surveillance, Prevention, and Early Intervention](#) **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials**
- [Drug Abusers May Be Injuring Pets to Get Pain Killers](#) **Atlanta Journal Constitution**
- [China Cracks Down on Bad Drugs with ‘Illegal, Psychedelic or Poisonous Ingredients’](#)
BloombergBusinessweek
- [Top Five Achievements in 2013, Top Five Health Concerns 2014](#) **CDC News Room**
- [Addressing Prescription Drug Misuse](#) **Clinton Foundation**
- [Colorado Initiative Addresses Prescription Drug Abuse Among Teens](#) **Drugfree.org**
- [Ohio Governor Urges Parents to Talk to Children About Dangers of Drug Abuse](#) **Drugfree.org**
- [Iowa’s “Talk, Lock and Connect” Program](#) **Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center**
- [NACDS Cites Pharmacy’s Collaborative Commitment in Curbing Prescription Drug Abuse, Diversion](#) **National Association of Chain Drug Stores**
- [In Annual Speech, Vermont Governor Shifts Focus to Drug Abuse](#) **New York Times**
- [Legalize All Drugs? The Man Behind Loosening Pot Laws in US Eyes New Goal](#) **U.S. News**
- [A Pill to Cure Addiction?](#) **Wall Street Journal**
- [Bremerton Man Charged with Defrauding Hospitals, Faking Work Injuries to Get Painkillers](#)
Washington State Dept. of Labor & Industries

Prescription Drug Studies and Research

[1 in 6 Unemployed Are Substance Abusers](#)

CNN Money

[Doctors Can Uncover Drug or Alcohol Use With Just One Question](#)

Drugfree.org

[Substance-Abuse Treatment Often Tough to Find for Medicaid Patients](#)

Medline Plus

[Factors Influencing the Selection of Hydrocodone and Oxycodone as Primary Opioids in Substance Abusers Seeking Treatment in the United States](#)

Pain Journal

[Americans See U.S. Losing Ground Against Mental Illness, Prescription Drug Abuse](#)

Pew Research Center

[Prescription Drug Misuse in America – Laboratory Insights into the New Drug Epidemic](#)

Quest Diagnostics

[PCP-related Emergency Department Visits Rose 400% Over Six Years](#)

SAMHSA

[Only Half of Drugs Removed by Sewage Treatment](#)

Scientific American

[Natural Compound Mitigates Effects of Methamphetamine Abuse](#)

University of Missouri

[Drug Use On Decline at Work, Except Rx](#)

Wall Street Journal

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences

February

- 3-6 [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America \(CADCA\) 24th National Leadership Forum](#)
- 15-19 [16th Annual Pain Management Symposium](#)
- 19-21 [Generic Pharmaceutical Association Annual Meeting](#)
- 27-3/1 [2014 Addiction Health Summit](#)

March

- 2-4 [2014 Advocacy in Action – Association for Addiction Professionals](#)
- 6-9 [American Academy of Pain Medicine \(AAPM\) 30th Annual Meeting](#)
- 20-21 [National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators – Carolinas Regional Training Conference](#)
- 21-22 [Addiction Medicine 2014 Conference](#)

April

- 5 & 6 [DEA Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference](#)
- 7-9 [11th Annual World Health Care Congress](#)
- 22-24 [2014 National Rx Drug Abuse Summit](#)

- 23-24 [National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators – Western Regional Training Conference](#)
- 24-26 [Federation of State Medical Boards 102nd Annual Meeting](#)
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