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Items of Interest

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| Fatal Overdoses in Multiple States Show Dangers of Fentanyl-Laced Heroin | ABC News |
| 2012 National Poison Data System 30th Annual Report | American Association of Poison Control Centers |
| 2013 Prevention Status Reports | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| Public Health Law Program: State Laws on Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| Combating Fraud and Abuse in the Medicare Prescription Drug Program | CMS Blog |
| Fatal Prescription: America's Pain-Pill Epidemic | Everyday Health |
| New Substance Abuse Treatment Resources Focus on Teens | National Institutes of Health |
| Spike in Heroin Use Can Be Traced to Prescription Pads | National Public Radio |
| Prescription Painkillers Seen as a Gateway to Heroin | New York Times |
| SBIRT: Stopping Addiction Before It Starts | Phoenix House |
| FDA Unit Pursues Illegal Web Pharmacies | U.S. Food and Drug Administration |
| Emerging Drugs of Abuse | U.S. National Library of Medicine |
| FDA Warns Against Prescription Drugs With High Levels of Acetaminophen | U.S. National Library of Medicine |
| Police Carry Special Drug to Reverse Heroin Overdoses | USA Today |
| Overdose Deaths from Prescription Pain Meds Drop 27 Percent | Washington State Department of Health |

Prescription Drug Studies and Research

[Use and Characteristics of Electronic Health Record Systems Among Office-based Physician Practices: United States, 2001-2013](#) **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Drug Abusers at Risk for Suicidal Thoughts, Survey Finds](#) **HealthDay**

[Fatal Car Crashes Involving Pot Use Have Tripled in US, Study Find](#) **HealthDay**

[Reasons for Misuse of Prescription Medication Among Physicians Undergoing Monitoring by a Physician Health Program](#) **Journal of Addiction Medicine**

[Principles of Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment: A Research-Based Guide](#)
National Institutes of Health

[Guidance for Best Practices – Options for Unsolicited Reporting](#) **PDMP Center of Excellence**

[Survey of Naloxone Legal Status in Opioid Overdose Prevention and Treatment](#)
U.S. National Library of Medicine

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences

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](#)

May

4-7 [National Council for Prescription Drug Programs \(NCPDP\) Annual Technology & Business Conference](#)

7-9 [20th National Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities \(TASC\) Conference on Drugs, Crime & Reentry](#)

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