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### Items of Interest

#### **PDMP TTAC**

#### **Centers for Disease Control**

#### **Courier-Journal.com**

#### **Daytona Beach News-Journal**

#### **Denver Business Journal**

#### **High Times**

#### **Journal of the American Medical Association**

#### **New York Times**

#### **Oxyana Film**

#### **PoliceOne.com News**

#### **PolitickerNJ**

#### **PR Web**

[2013 Harold Rogers PDMP National Meeting](#)

[CDC Health Advisory – Acetyl Fentanyl](#)

[Prescription Painkiller Overdoses – A Growing Epidemic, Especially Among Women](#)

[KY To Study Whether New Pain-pill Laws Are Curbing Abuse](#)

[State Attorney Responds: Prescription Drug Records Secure](#)

[Walgreens To Pay \\$80M To Settle Prescription Drug Violations](#)

[To Dab Or Not To Dab](#)

[Misuse Of Opioid Medication](#)

[The Soaring Cost Of The Opioid Economy](#)

[Documentary On Epicenter Of The Oxycontin Epidemic](#)

[Prescription Drug Abuse: Investigating ‘Pill Doctors’](#)

[Pallone To Introduce Bill To Prevent Medicare Prescription Drug Abuse And Fraud](#)

[Monitoring Databases Hinder Rx Abuse: Funding Necessary](#)

<b><i>Pro Publica</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>A Rap Sheet For Medicare's Prescription Drug Program</u></a>
<b><i>Rhode Island Public Radio</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>Fighting Prescription Drug Abuse, One Log-In At A Time</u></a>
<b><i>State of New Jersey</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>Scenes From An Epidemic; A Report On Prescription Pill And Heroin Abuse</u></a>
<b><i>The Fix</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>How 3D Printing Could Revolutionize Drugs</u></a>
<b><i>The State (South Carolina)</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>SC Has 'Significant Problem' With Rx Drug Abuse</u></a>
<b><i>U.S. Department of Justice</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>Doctor Convicted Of Running Pill Mill And Contributing To A Death</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Cleveland Man Sentenced To 12 Years For Diversion Ring</u></a>
<b><i>U.S. Office of Inspector General</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>Drug Diversion Overview - Podcast</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Spotlight On ... Drug Diversion</u></a>
<b><u>Prescription Drug Studies and Research</u></b>	
<b><i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>Clinician Impression Versus Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Criteria In The Assessment Of Drug-Seeking Behavior In The Emergency Department</u></a>
<b><i>Center for Substance Abuse Research</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>Majority Of Patients Do Not Take Prescription Drugs As Prescribed</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Parents May Underestimate Teen Misuse Of Stimulant Medications</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Approximately Two-Thirds Of Teens Who Already Use Marijuana Report That Legalizing The Drug Would Increase Their Likelihood of Using</u></a>
<b><i>Department of Health &amp; Human Services</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>Doctors And Hospitals' Use Of Health IT More Than Doubles Since 2012</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Prescribers with Questionable Patterns In Medicare Part D</u></a>
<b><i>Huffington Post</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>Wiser Prescription Drug Use Could Cut Health Costs By Billions</u></a>
<b><i>Medline Plus</i></b>	<a href="#"><u>U.S. Hospitals Triple Use Of Electronic Health Records</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Many Parents Unaware Of Teens' Abuse Of ADHD Drugs</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>ADHD Medications Not Tied To Drug, Alcohol Abuse</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Adult Children Of Substance Abusers More Prone To Depression</u></a>

	<a href="#">Lure, Variety Of Designer Drugs Is Alarming, U.N. Agency Says</a>
	<a href="#">ER Visits Tied To Ambien On The Rise</a>
<b>Pro Publica</b>	<a href="#">Not Authorized To Prescribe Drugs? Medicare Pays Anyway</a>
<b>Science Codex</b>	<a href="#">Research Highlights The Increasing Program Of Prescription Drug Abuse Among Youth</a>
<b>Science Daily</b>	<a href="#">Nearly 7 In 10 Americans Are On Prescription Drugs</a>
<b>Time Health &amp; Family</b>	<a href="#">More Adult Prescription-Drug Use Leads To Increased Poisonings In Kids</a>

### **Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences**

<b>August</b>	<a href="#">26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Prevention Network Prevention Research Conference</a>
	<a href="#">Generation Rx University Conference for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Recovery</a>
	<a href="#">DEA Office of Diversion Control - Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference</a>
	<a href="#">20<sup>th</sup> Annual Napa Pain Conference</a>
<b>September</b>	<a href="#">Harold Rogers PDMP National Meeting</a>
	<a href="#">National Conference on Addiction Disorders</a>
	<a href="#">Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Annual Meeting and Policy Summit</a>
	<a href="#">24<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Meeting of the American Academy of Pain Management</a>
	<a href="#">2013 PAINWEEK Conference</a>
<b>October</b>	<a href="#">2013 National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities Conference</a>
	<a href="#">120<sup>th</sup> Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference</a>
	<a href="#">NAADAC National Conference</a>
	<a href="#">American Association of Dental Boards Annual Meeting</a>

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