

What is the problem? People are dying from use of controlled substance

Groups of patients who are at significant risk of personal death:

1. Acute pain – 2+ prescribers
2. Chronic pain – 2+ prescribers
3. Pain plus multiple medical problems
4. Pain plus mental illness – 2+ prescribers
  - a. Opioids + sedative hypnotics
  - b. Opioids + anti-anxiety meds (benzos)
  - c. Drug-drug interactions with psychotropic
5. Addiction/abuse - opioids
6. Addiction/abuse – stimulants
7. Use of another's prescription

People who are likely to contribute to someone else's death

1. People mentally impaired due to any of the above
2. People who are obtaining controlled substances and diverting them to others

Current controlled substance prescription behaviors resulting in death

1. Inadvertent use of multiple prescribers and/or pharmacies
2. Purposeful use of multiple prescribers and/or pharmacies
3. Filling prescriptions across state borders

Current Controlled Substance Database access

1. Prescriber logs on to secured website using password and pin number
2. Type in suspect patient name and birthdate
3. Select appropriate patient
4. Print off PDF of patient
5. Analysis of data on PDF sheet
6. Time requirement/investigation 5-15 minutes per patient

What would be helpful?

Prescribing healthcare provider and pharmacy notification:

1. Prescriptions for controlled substances from more than one provider
2. Prescriptions for controlled substances that are being filled in more than one pharmacy
3. Prescriptions for controlled substances are being filled in more than one state

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