

OVERDOSE PREVENTION

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OD Prevention Initiatives

- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- Overdose Response Program
- Controlled Dangerous Substance Integration Unit (CDSIU)
- Overdose Fatality Review Teams
- Public and Clinician Education Campaigns

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

- Secure, electronic database with information on the prescribing and dispensing of Schedules II-V controlled dangerous substances (CDS)
- Make prescription data available to:
 - Healthcare providers
 - Law enforcement agencies
 - Health occupations licensing boards
 - DHMH agencies (OCME, OHCQ, OIG, Medicaid, DDC)
 - Patients
 - Researchers

PDMP

- Healthcare Tool
 - Assist medical, pharmacy, and public health professionals in the identification and prevention of prescription drug abuse
 - Give healthcare providers real time access at point-of-care to patient CDS Rx history
 - Identify aberrant drug use (i.e., “doctor/pharmacy shopping”) indicating possible misuse, addiction or diversion
 - Initiate referral to appropriate assessment, treatment and recovery services
 - Increase confidence in prescribing/dispensing decisions

PDMP

- Investigative Tool
 - Patient, prescriber, or dispenser specific reports
 - One subpoena for PDMP record instead of subpoenas for multiple pharmacies' records
- Public Health Tool
 - HB 1296 allows for unsolicited reporting
 - Link with OCME data – OD risk profile with prescription use

PDMP – Other Legal Provisions

- Data are confidential, privileged, not public records
- No program-initiated referrals to providers (will be allowed beginning Oct. 1, 2014)
- Prescribers and dispensers not required to check database; no liability/discipline solely for failing to check
- Re-disclosure of PDMP data to other practitioners for treatment purposes is protected
- Civil penalty for dispenser failure to report (\$500/incident)
- Criminal penalty for unlawful data access/use

Who Can Request Rx Data?

- Prescribers (in connection with care of patient)
- Dispensers (in connection with dispensing request)
- Law Enforcement (existing investigation & subpoena)
- Licensing Boards (existing investigation & subpoena)
- Patient
- DHMH Agencies (existing investigation required)
- Other states' PDMPs (if authorized and employing confidentiality, security and access standards at least as stringent as MD's PDMP)
- Researchers (de-identified data only)

Overdose Response Program (ORP)

- Naloxone immediately reverses an opioid overdose
- Legislation passed 2013 allows for “third party” prescription
- Regulations written with significant stakeholder involvement
- Regulations became effective March 3, 2014
- Created training curriculum
- Currently 22 approved training entities:
 - All but 4 Health Departments, Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore, Anne Arundel County Fire and Police Departments, Annapolis City Fire Department, Baltimore Student Harm Reduction, Daniel Carl Torsch Foundation

Overdose Response Program

- To date: 675 individuals trained
- ONDCP/HIDTA funding application
 - Partner with GOCCP
 - Potential proposal: hire Nurse Practitioner to train law enforcement throughout State

Controlled Dangerous Substance Integration Unit (CDSIU)

- Created 2012 as a “medical review committee”
- Brings DHMH regulatory agencies together to address aberrant prescriber and dispenser practices
- Governed by confidentiality expectations
- Targeted data reviews
 - Review OCME data for physician information
 - Match with other DHMH data on physician
 - Coordinate education/regulatory action

CDSIU (Continued)

- Levels of intervention
 - Education
 - Disciplinary Action
- Continue to refine our data matching efforts and interventions

Overdose Fatality Review Teams

- Created as part of overall State plan
- Local teams with stakeholder representation
- Confidentiality expectations
 - Information sent to LHD email address
 - Team members sign a Confidentiality Agreement
- Data report are generated monthly
- Three pilot sites: Baltimore City, Cecil County, Wicomico County
- Remaining jurisdictions receive de-identified data set

Overdose Fatality Review Team

- Sent monthly OCME data file containing identified data:
 - OCME case number
 - Name
 - Address of residence
 - DOB
 - Sex
 - Race
 - Date of death
 - Incident location
 - Case type (autopsy, partial autopsy, scene investigation)
 - Manner of death (accidental or undetermined)
 - Cause of death (includes substances)
 - Heroin indicator
 - Activity comments

Overdose Fatality Review Teams

- Continue to expand data sent – now matching OCME files with SMART data
- HB 1282 will grant immunity to participants in local teams

OD Education Campaigns

- **Statewide Public Awareness Campaign**
 - The campaign will target the general public and will address multiple topics, including information on the signs of an overdose, prevention methods, signs a loved one may be using, naloxone, and other information.
- **Clinical Education and Training**
 - DHMH is looking at ways to enhance provider education around appropriate prescribing of opioid medications.
 - DHMH released an informational letter to all clinicians on the newly approved FDA drug Zohydro.
 - DHMH is planning a release of an informational letter to all clinicians on dangerous drug combinations