

MAT from Primary Care to Federally  
Qualified Healthcare Center

**With a splash of COVID-19**

Never judge, takes all those that  
comes before you!

*AN ESTIMATED 97 MILLION  
ADULTS IN THE UNITED STATES  
ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE*

*WEIGHT MANAGEMENT  
IN  
PRIMARY CARE*



We must treat the primary  
cause of the disease

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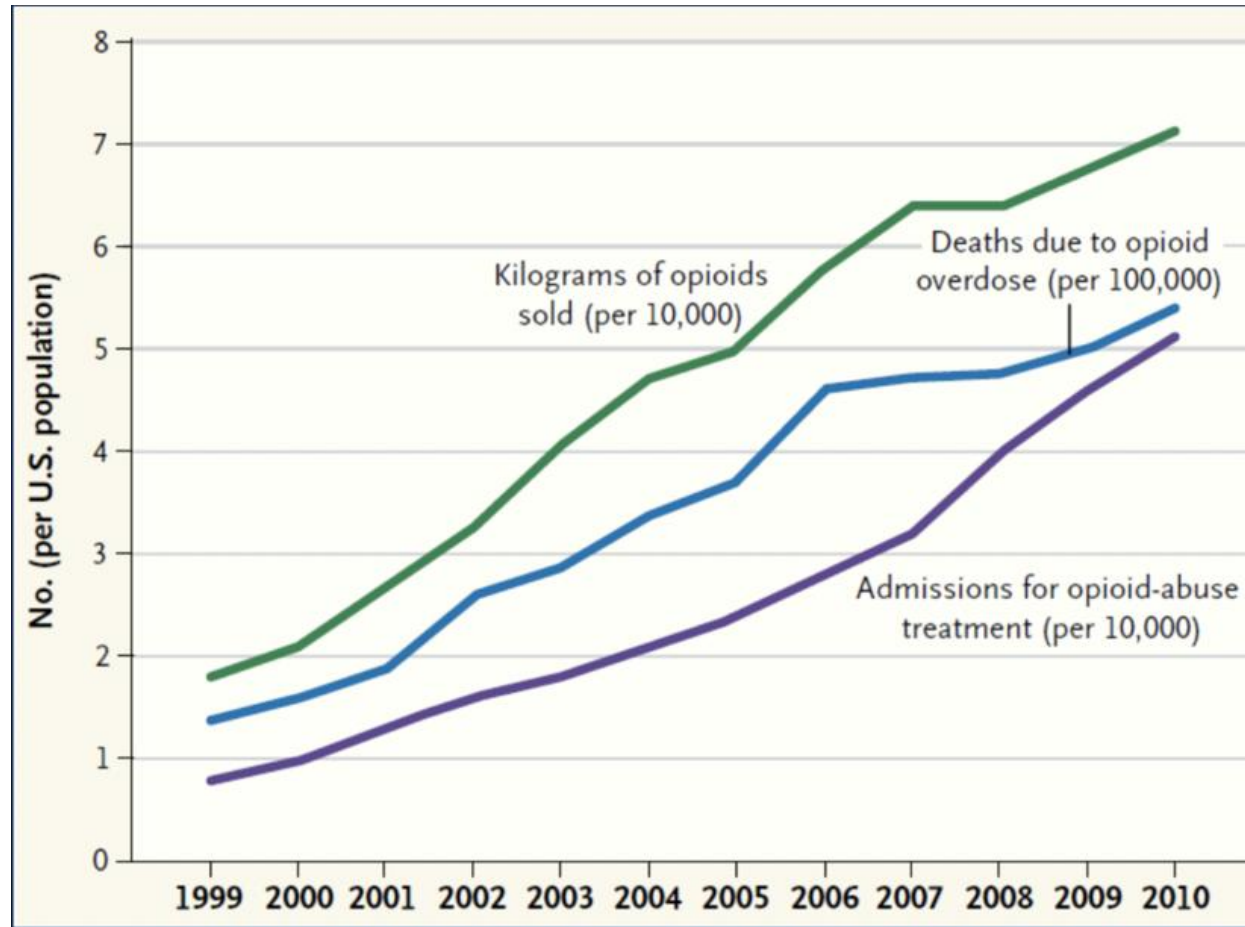
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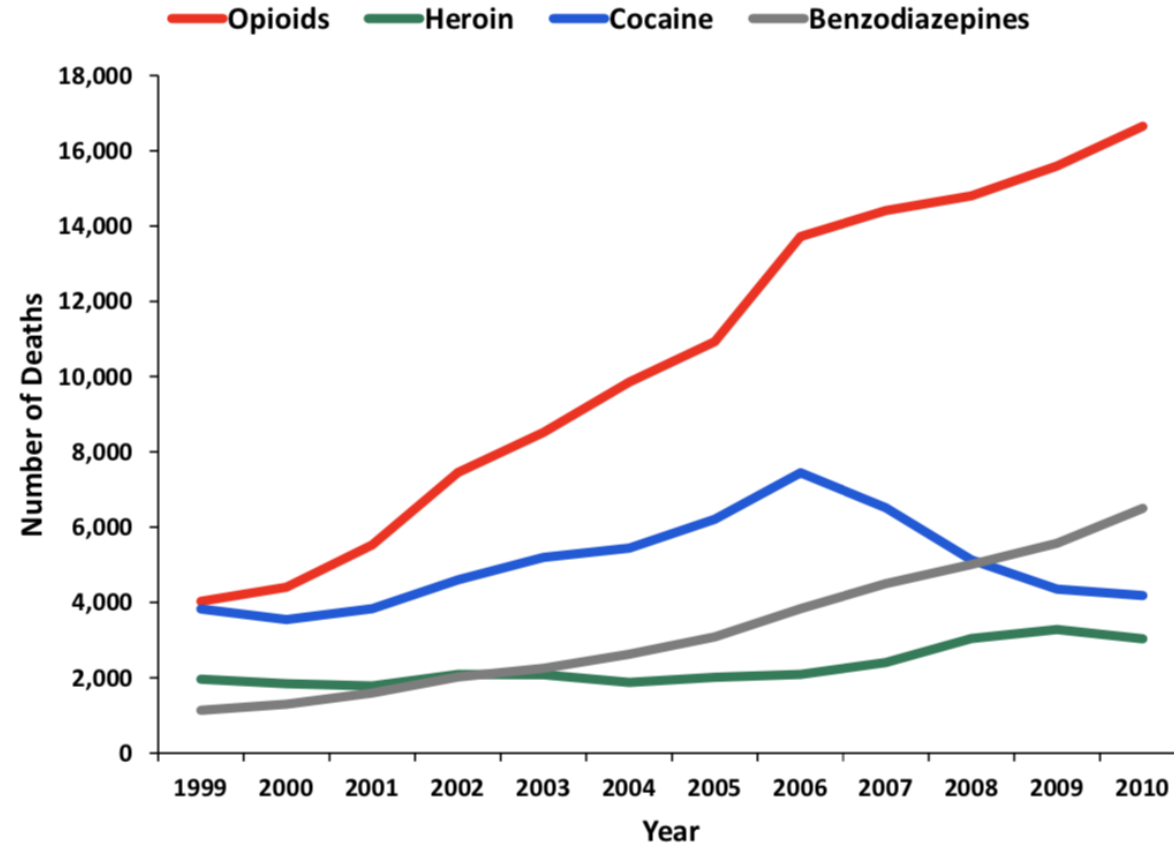
**40 STONE STREET,**  
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# Prescription Opioid Trends: 1999-2010

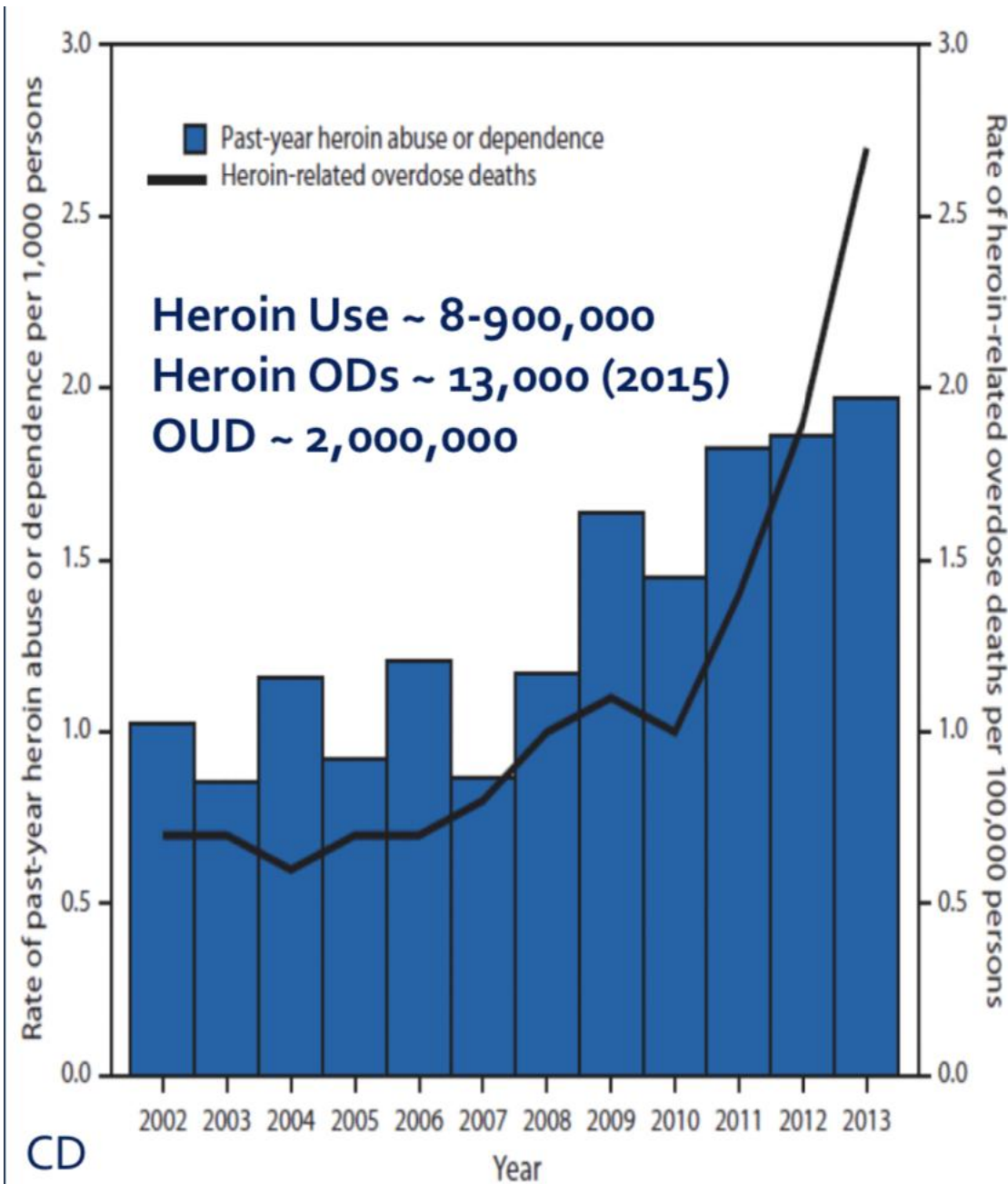


National Vital Statistics System, 1999-2008; Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System of the DEA; Treatment Episode Data Set

# Drug Overdose Deaths by Major Drug Type, United States, 1999-2010



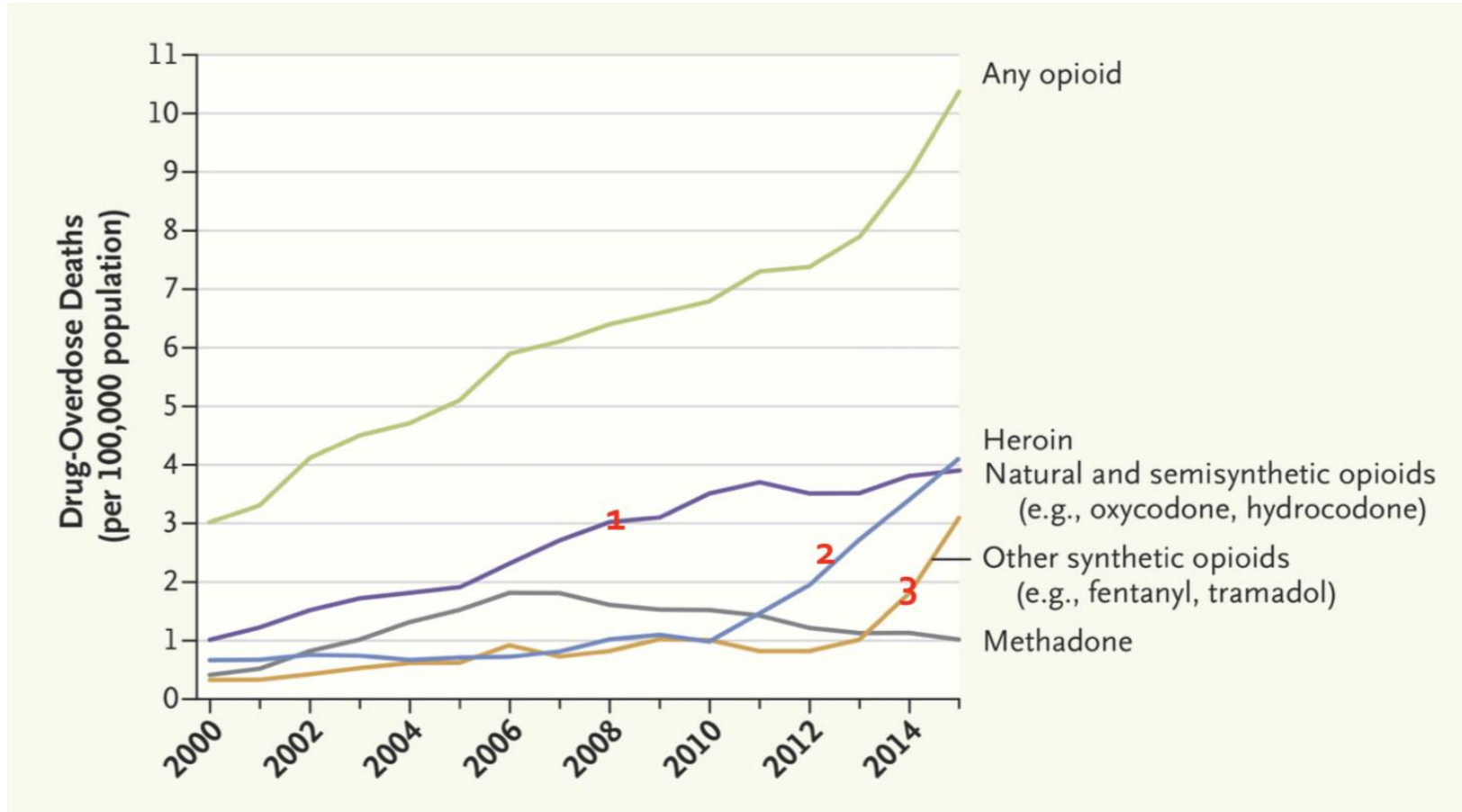
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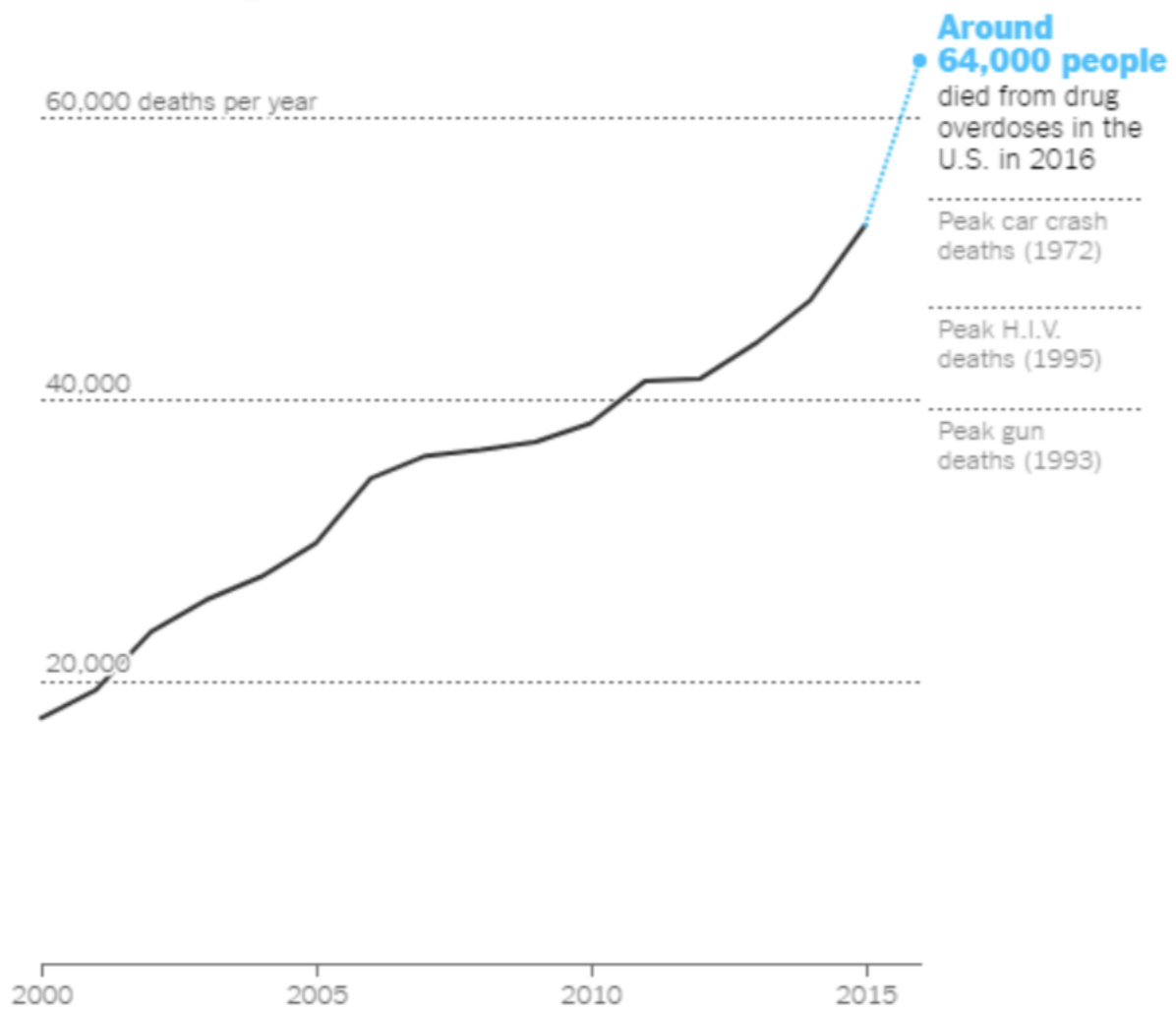
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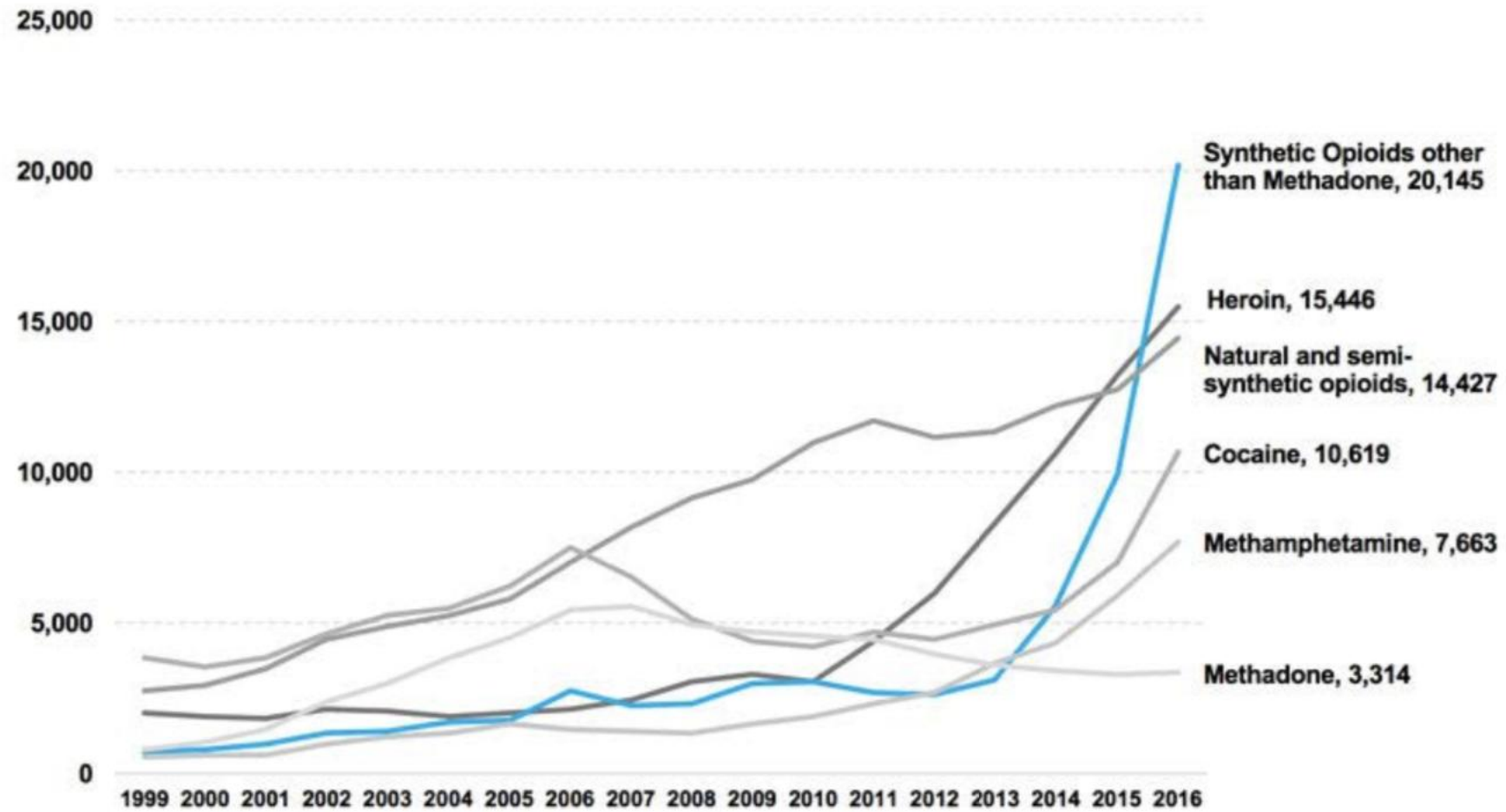
# Drug-Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids, by Type of Opioid, United States, 2000-2014

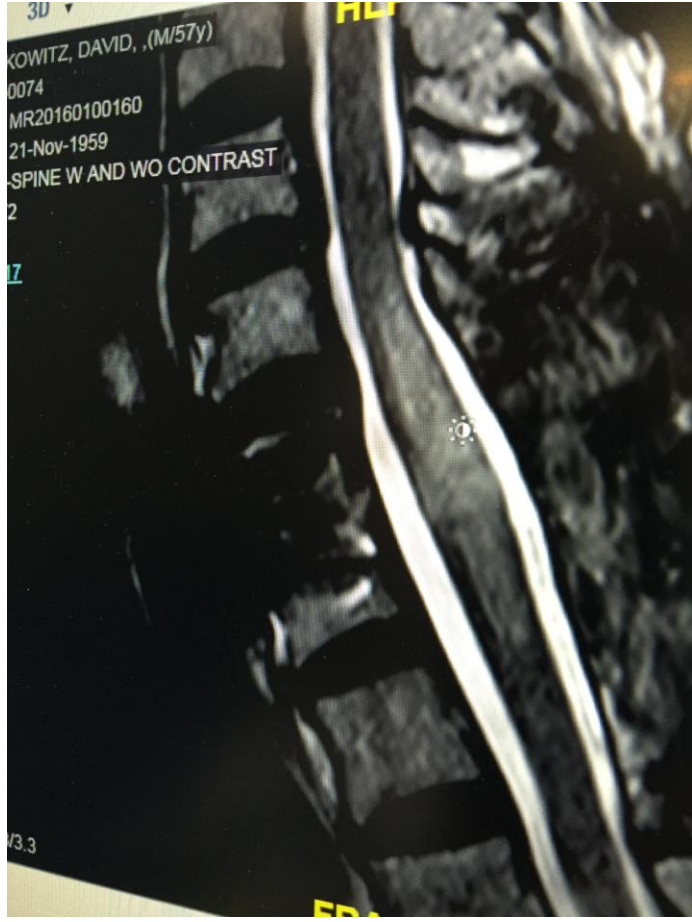


## Total U.S. drug deaths



## Drugs Involved in U.S. Overdose Deaths, 2000 to 2016





# Federally Qualified Health Centers

- 1,400 in US
- 45% are rural health centers
- 115 million visits annually
- 72% of patients at or below poverty level
- Payer Mix
  - 38% Medicaid
  - 36% No insurance
  - 14% Private insurance
  - 10% Medicare

# FQHC's in Michigan

- 45 in Michigan
- Serve 709,000
  - 635,916 live in poverty
  - 48,886 are homeless
- 2.7 million patient visits
- Employ 6,000
- \$1.3 billion economic impact in Michigan



# History

- 1960's: Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty initiative opened Neighborhood Health Centers in Mound Bayou, MS and Boston
- Goal: to provide primary care to underserved rural and urban communities
- 1991: began using term FQHC
  - Added as a Medicaid and Medicare benefit
  - Precisely defined to be safety net centers like public housing or community health centers
- 2010: ACA stated FQHCs need to provide care to all people in a certain area whether they're able to pay or not



# Requirements

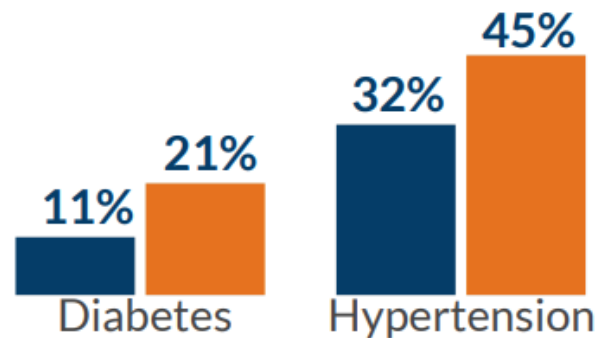
- Must be in a Health Resources & Services Admin designated underserved area
- Governed by board of directors where 51% of board uses the services of the clinic
- Offer services in addition to primary care
  - Dental
  - OB
  - Behavioral health



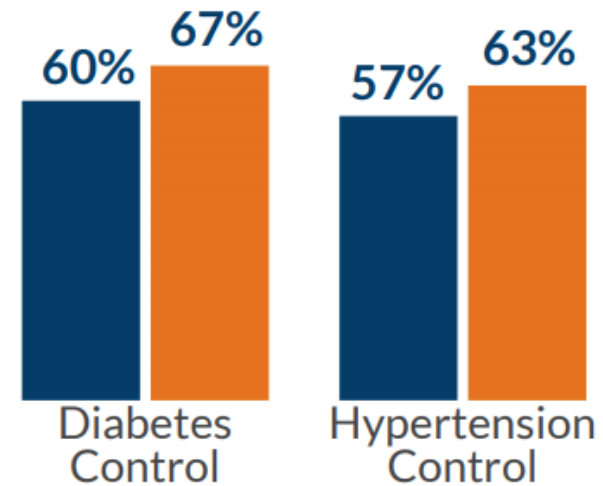
# FQHC's are treating a sicker population and achieving better outcomes

Many Patients Present to Health Centers With Chronic Conditions

% of Adults Reporting Ever Being Told They Have:



And Health Center Patients Have Higher Rates of Diabetes & Hypertension Control



■ National ■ Health Center

# Importance of integrating MAT with primary care

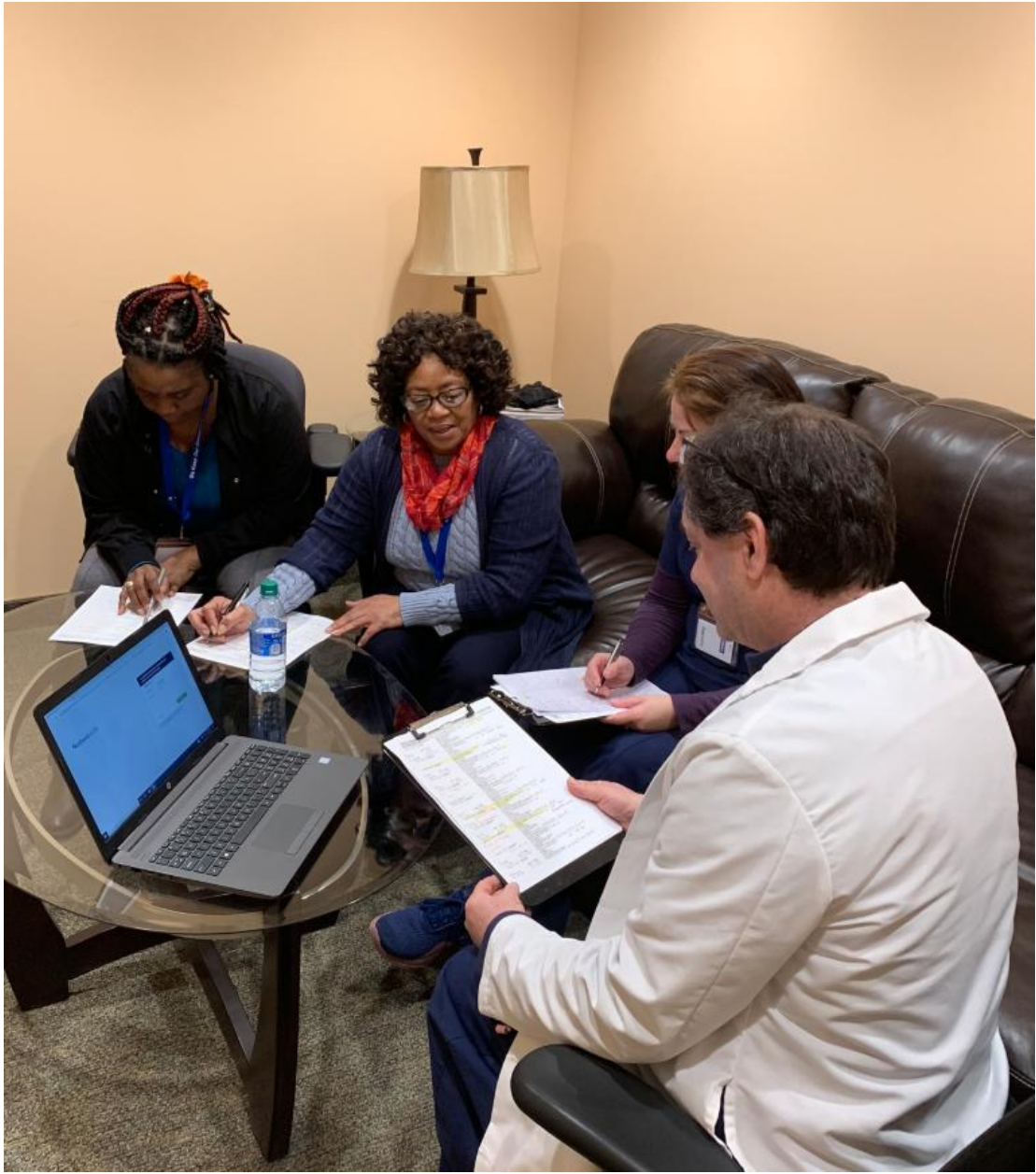
- Individuals with substance use disorders have:
  - 9x greater risk of CHF
  - 12x greater risk of cirrhosis
  - 12x greater risk of PNA
- Poor adherence to DMII medications
- 54% of addiction treatment programs have no physician

# Barriers to implementing MAT in FQHC's

- Only 15% of FQHC's have physicians that prescribe buprenorphine
- Physicians at FQHC's are already treating a panel of difficult patients and reluctant to take on more
- Belief that abstinence is the best treatment for addiction
- Concerns with safety of other patients

# FQHC Reimbursement

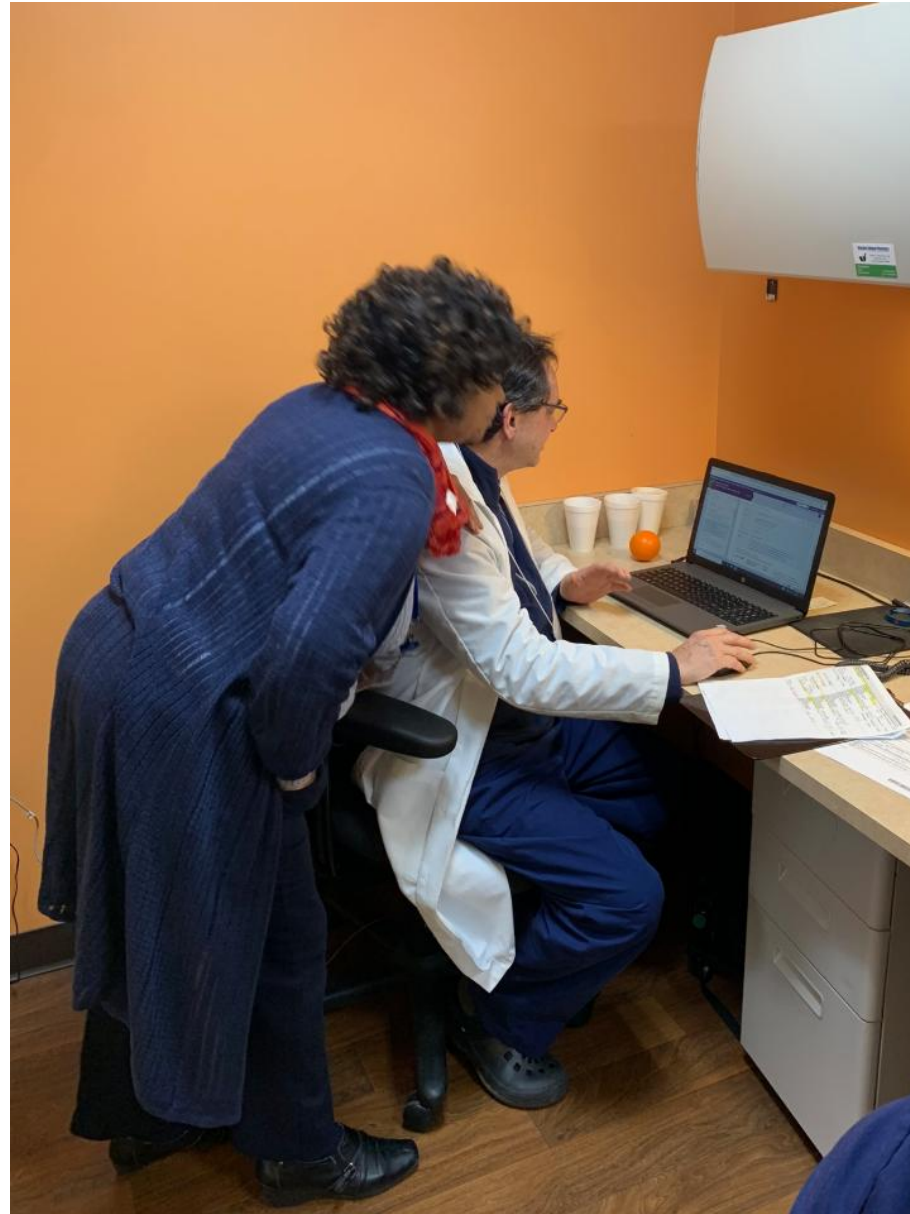
- CMS 2020 rate: \$173.50
- FQHC's can bill for 2 services at same visit
- Therapy and MAT can be provided at same visit increasing compliance



DAVID LESZKOWITZ, DO  
Wednesday, March 4th

Department: Inkster

Time	Appointment Type	Patient Name	DOB	Age	Sex	Insurance	Referral	Notes
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	Establish	Preval of Therapy	#121900 DOB: 03/08/1983 PH: (734) 837-7244 INS: Total Health Care (Medicaid Replacement - HMO) #008189139 INS REF PROV: MALCOM, LATISHA	35yo M	M	Medicaid	2-5-20	514/1721/1069 (223.5) THC - 735
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	Establish	Holly	#141879 DOB: 05/17/1989 PH: (734) 538-8338 INS: Total Health Care (Medicaid Replacement - HMO) #0080003380 INS REF PROV: IVIE, CHERYL	31yo F	F	Medicaid	2-5-20	65/294/209 (93.6) THC - 735
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	Establish	SARA	#239205 DOB: 06/18/1984 PH: (313) 740-4459 INS: Meridian Health Plan of Michigan (Medicaid Replacement - HMO) INS REF PROV: MALCOM, LATISHA	35yo M	M	Medicaid	2-26-20	Local NE > 15000 opioid - (morphine - 618) Alcohol - ETC - 642 Fentanyl - 125 NARCAN - 2500
12:20 PM - 12:40 PM	Establish	DIANA	#130290 DOB: 03/23/1980 PH: (313) 699-2019 INS: Medicare-MI (Medicare) #3EJ9PA4GD40 INS REF PROV: LESZKOWITZ, DAVID	39yo M	M	Medicare	2-5-20	NEG (56.7) THC - 17
12:20 PM - 12:40 PM	Establish	DIANA	#133014 DOB: 01/10/1975 PH: (734) 788-2377 INS: Molina Healthcare of MI (Medicaid Replacement - HMO) #0007831554 INS REF PROV: IVIE, CHERYL	45yo F	F	Medicaid	2-12-20	Alcohol - ETC > 10,000 ETS
12:40 PM - 01:00 PM	Establish	DIANA	#130903 DOB: 08/30/1962 PH: (313) 523-5365 INS: Molina Healthcare of MI (Medicaid Replacement - HMO) #0085970543 INS REF PROV: MALCOM, LATISHA	57yo M	M	Medicaid	1-22-20	THC - 1889 Alcohol - ETC > 10000 ETS - 9284 3 WEEKS
01:00 PM - 01:20 PM	Establish	DIANA	#137007 DOB: 05/17/1982 PH: (313) 310-0323 INS: Total Health Care (HMO) #10146534 INS REF PROV: MALCOM, LATISHA	37yo M	M	HMO	2-5-20	Gabapentin - 70422 354/682/845 (>300)
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01:40 PM - 02:00 PM	New Patient Appointment	SARA	#140597 DOB: 07/16/1987 PH: (734) 266-0637 INS: Medicaid-MI - Institutional (Medicaid) #0025045419 INS REF PROV: LESZKOWITZ, DAVID	32yo M	M	Medicaid	2-5-20	new mat - restart new mat new mat
02:00 PM - 02:20 PM	Establish	JA	#120873 DOB: 09/05/1978 PH: (313) 778-4326 INS: Molina Healthcare of MI (Medicaid Replacement - HMO) #0034432130 INS REF PROV: IVIE, CHERYL	41yo F	F	Medicaid	2-5-20	Amphetamines - 12860 Methamphetamine 1176 1083 / >2000 / >2000 (241.4)
02:20 PM - 02:40 PM	Establish	JA	#127862 DOB: 03/05/1980 PH: (734) 595-1020 INS: BCBS-MI Blue Cross Complete (Medicaid Replacement - HMO) #XYU993099775	39yo F	F	BCBS	2-5-20	Restart for Anibuse: MDOC









DENTAL



# Lethal Dose

**Morphine = 1X**

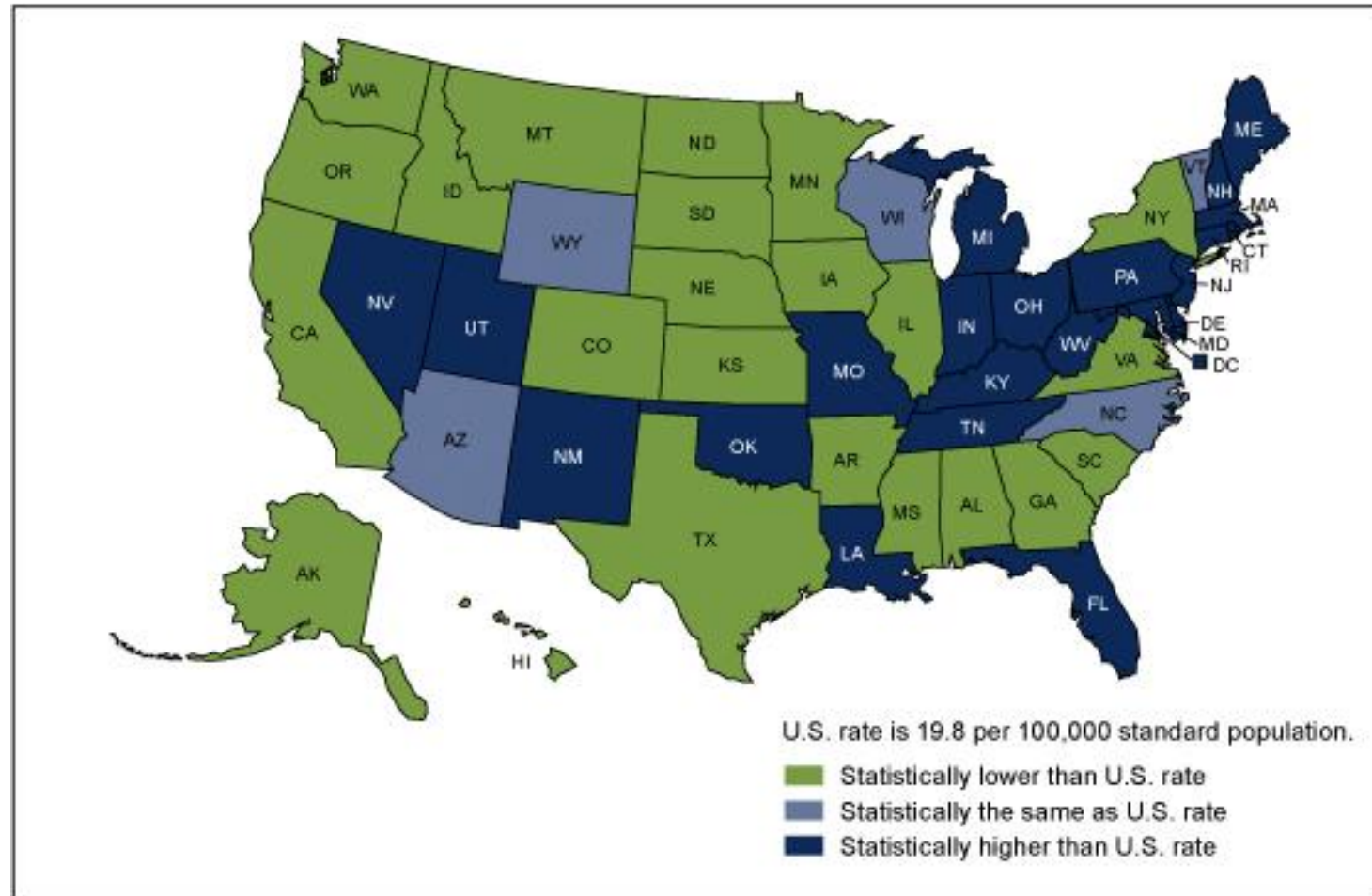
**Fentanyl = 100X**

**Carfentanil = 10,000X**



Lethal doses of heroin compared to "synthetic" opioids.  
*New Hampshire State Police Forensic Lab*

# Drug Overdose Deaths - 2016





# Addiction

- Addiction is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Dysfunction in these circuits leads to characteristic biological, psychological, social and spiritual manifestations. This is reflected in an individual pathologically pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors.
- Addiction is characterized by inability to consistently abstain, impairment in behavioral control, craving, diminished recognition of significant problems with one's behaviors and interpersonal relationships, and a dysfunctional emotional response. Like other chronic diseases, addiction often involves cycles of relapse and remission. Without treatment or engagement in recovery activities, addiction is progressive and can result in disability or premature death.

# Opioid Neurobiology and Pharmacology

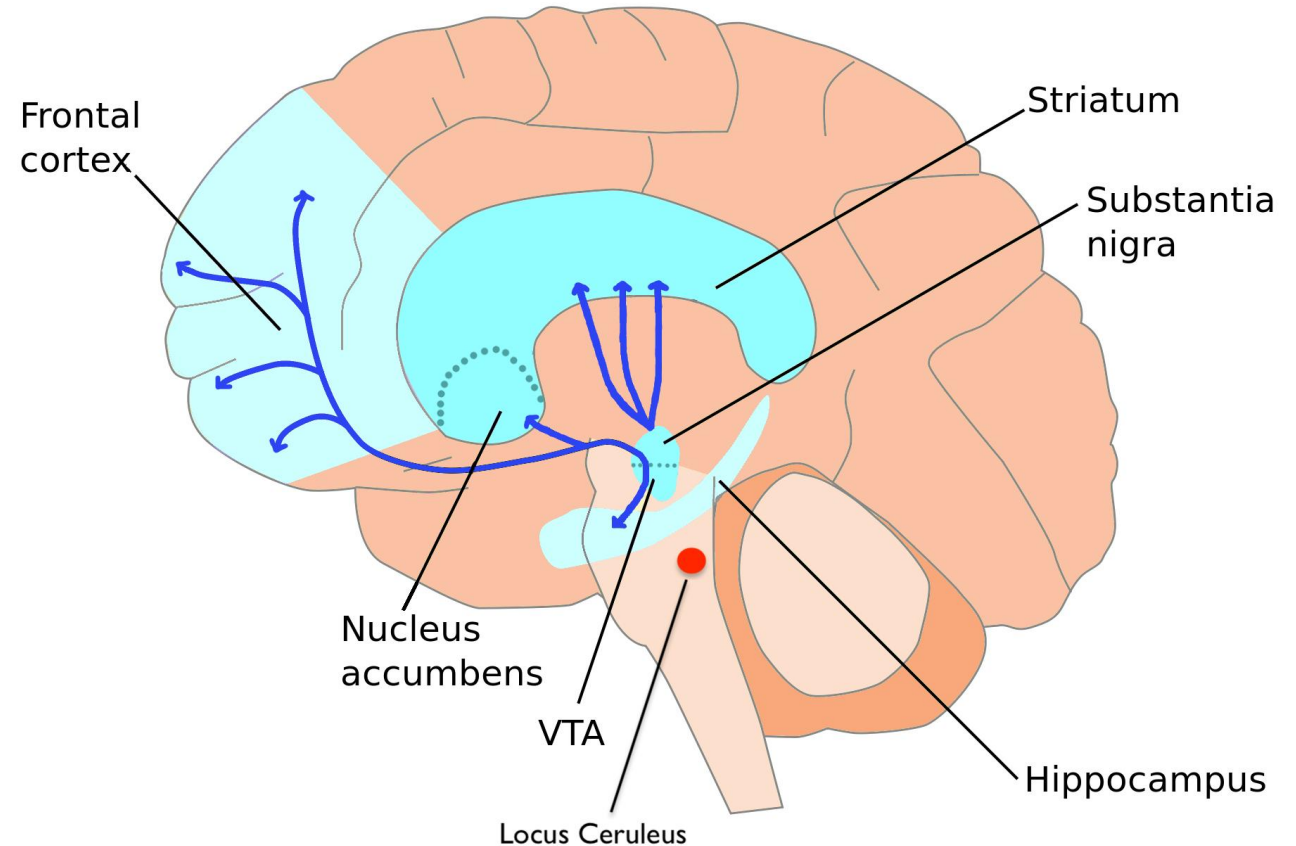


**Opium poppy Plants**





# Reward/Reinforcement Pathway

- Reward/reinforcement is in part controlled by  $\mu$ -receptors in the
- Reward pathway:
  - Ventral Tegmental Area (VTA)
  - Nucleus Accumbens with projections to Prefrontal Cortex
  - Dopaminergic system



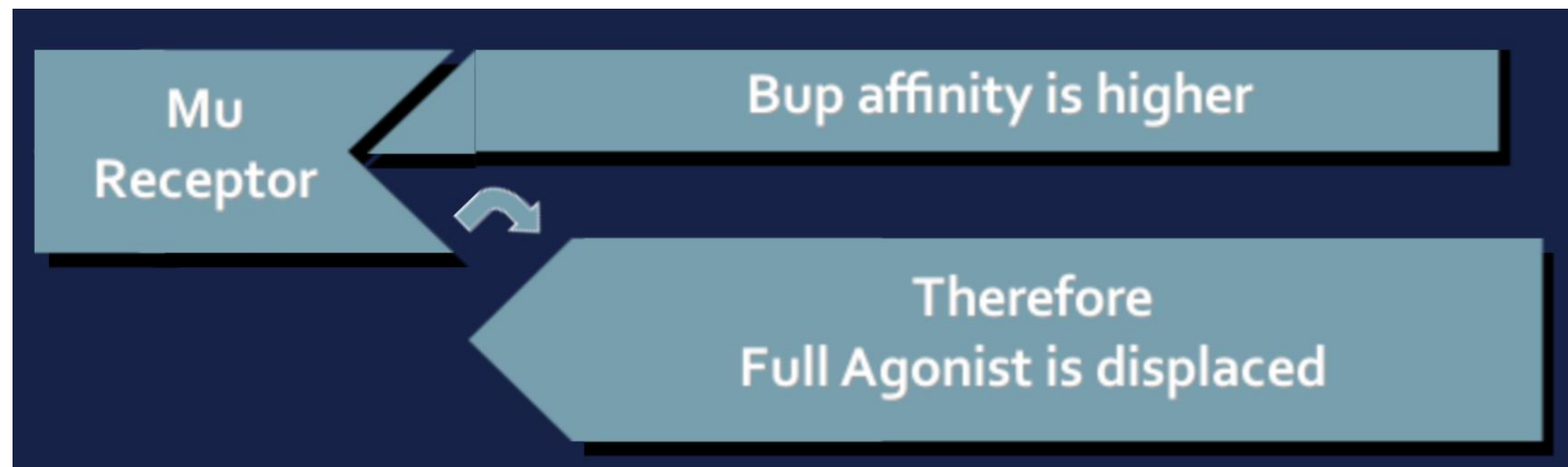
# Opioid Tolerance & Physical Dependence

- Both tolerance and physical dependence are physiological adaptations to chronic opioid exposure
- **Tolerance** 
  - Increased dosage needed to produce specific effect. Develops readily for CNS and respiratory depression
- **Physical Dependence** 
  - Signs and symptoms of withdrawal by abrupt opioid cessation, rapid dose reduction, administration of antagonist e.g., Narcan (Naloxone)



# Receptor Affinity

- Affinity is the strength with which a drug physically binds to a receptor
  - Buprenorphine's affinity is very strong and it will displace full agonists like heroin and methadone
  - Note: receptor binding strength (strong or weak), is NOT the same as receptor activation (agonist or antagonist)



# Medication Comparison

	<b>Methadone</b>	<b>Buprenorphine</b>	<b>ER Naltrexone</b>
Pharmacology	Full agonist	Partial agonist	Full antagonist
Dosing	Daily (but duration often longer)	Daily	<i>q4wks</i>
Setting	Specialty licensed OTP	Office-based or OTP, requires "X" waiver	Any medical setting, requires injection
Induction	No time restriction; start low, go slow	Mild-mod withdrawal: > 8-12 hrs after last opioid	>7 days after last opioid
Adherence	Intrinsically reinforcing	Intrinsically reinforcing	Long acting

# COVID 19

- Starting and continuing addiction therapy during COVID

# RED FLAGS

- Strong preference for specific drug
- Multiple “allergies”
- Multiple Prescribers/Pharmacies
- Frequent visits to the ED
- “Eating”, injecting or snorting meds
- Refusing drug screen

**DANGER**

**MISUSE**



# Assessment Overview

- Establish diagnosis of opioid use disorder and current opioid use history
- Identify comorbid medical and psychiatric conditions; how, when, where they will be addressed
- Screen for and address communicable diseases
- Evaluate level of physical, psychological and social functioning or impairment
- Determine patient's readiness to participate in treatment



# Physical Examination

**During a standard physical examination, pay attention to:**

- Stigmata of injection drug use, e.g., needle tracks, skin and soft tissue infections
- Stigmata of chronic infections, e.g., HIV, hepatitis C
- Neurocognitive function
- Liver disease and dysfunction

# Laboratory Evaluation

- Liver function tests
- Hepatitis and HIV serologies
- Pregnancy test for women
- Urine drug testing
  - Naturally occurring opiates (morphine, codeine)
  - Synthetic and semisynthetic opioids (methadone, oxycodone)
  - Other commonly used drugs (cocaine, amphetamines, benzodiazepines)

# Are you ready to treat your patient?

- Are there resources available in the office to provide appropriate treatment? Medical or psychiatric care?
- On-call coverage?
- Are there treatment programs available that will accept referral for more intensive levels of service if needed?
- Words of wisdom
  - Don't start with the most complicated
  - Start with 1, not 30
  - Know your limits
  - Don't be afraid to consult and refer

**HARM**

DRUG  
BLOCKER



# Why use medications? Because they work....

- 80-89% relapse to drug use without medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- Increased treatment retention
- 80% decreases in drug use and crime
- 70% decrease all cause death rate



# Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- “**All** Treatments Work for **Some** People/Patients.”
- No One Treatment Works for **All** People/Patients.”

Alan I. Leshner Ph.D  
Former Director NIDA

# Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- Goals

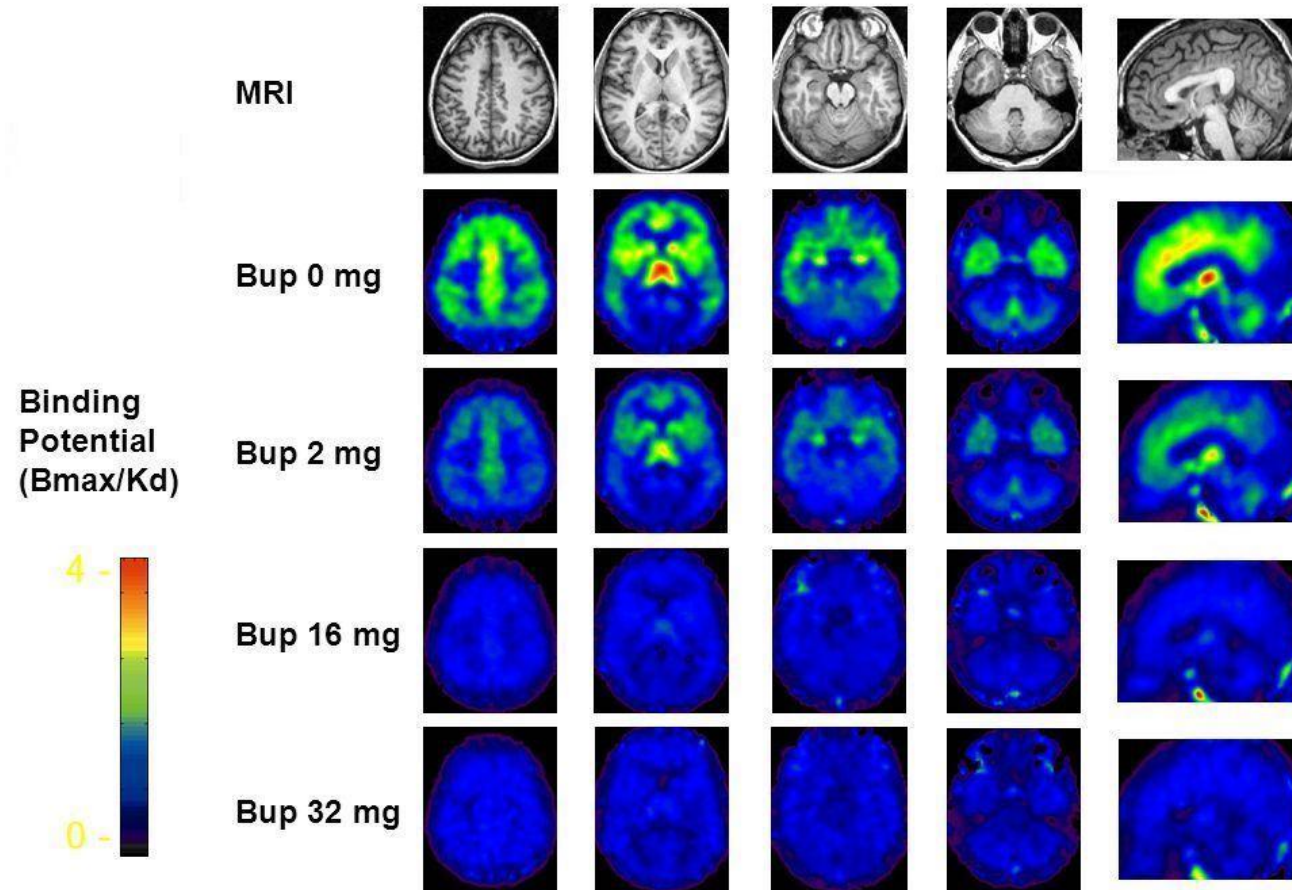
- Alleviate signs/symptoms of physical withdrawal
- Opioid receptor blockade
- Diminish and alleviate drug craving
- Normalize and stabilize perturbed brain neurochemistry

- Options

- Opioid antagonist
  - Naltrexone (full opioid antagonist)
- Opioid agonist
  - Methadone (full opioid agonist)
  - Buprenorphine (partial opioid agonist)



# Effects of Buprenorphine Dose on mu opioid receptor availability in subjects



# Legislation

# Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) of 2000

- Signed by President Clinton in October 2000
- Allows prescription of an opioid to an opioid addicted person for the treatment of addiction, with certain restrictions.
- Prior to this Act, only licensed methadone treatment programs

# DATA 2000, obtaining Buprenorphine waiver

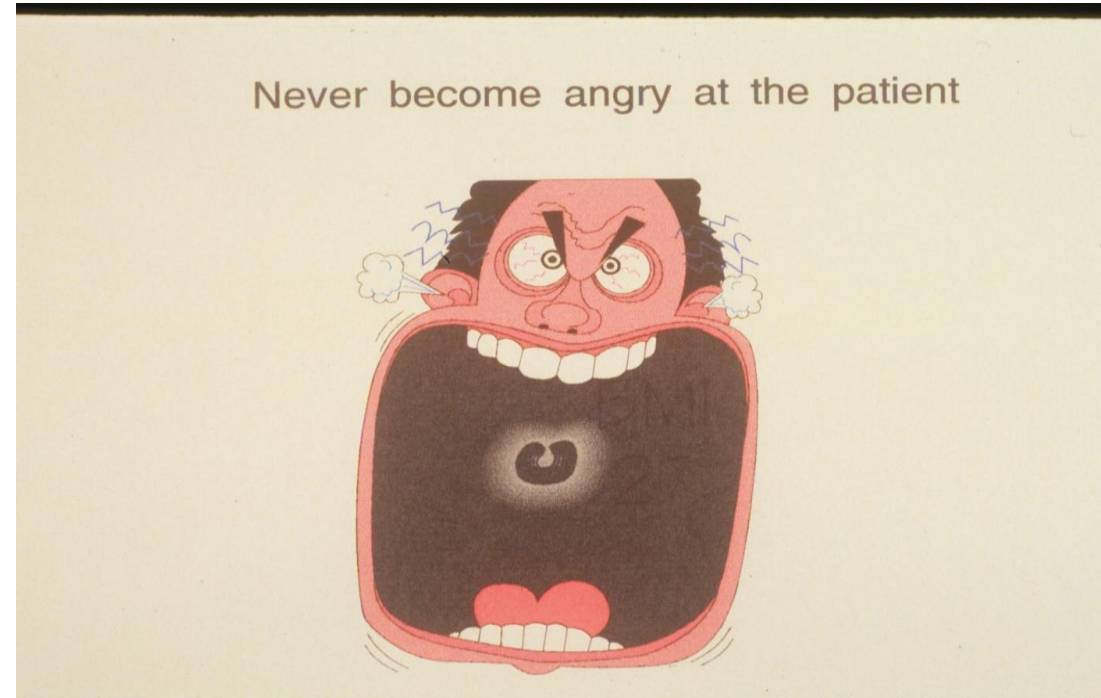
- MD/DO must have 8 hours of training in opioid by AMA, AAAP, ASAM, AOA, APA
- PA/NP must complete an additional 16 hours of training
- Providers must submit notification to Secretary of HHS of intent to prescribe and obtain a new DEA number. The regular DEA is retained for other scheduled substances. The new “X” DEA is used only for buprenorphine prescriptions.

# WHIZZINATOR



Never judge, takes all those that  
comes before you!

- Never become angry at the patient
- Offer easier goals if necessary
- Praise even with moderate improvement
- Manage the patient's entire care
- Encourage support groups and material
- Encourage the use of different tools





Robin William 1951 - 2014



Seymour Hoffman 1967 - 2014



Questions?