

Opioid & Pain Management in the In-Patient Setting

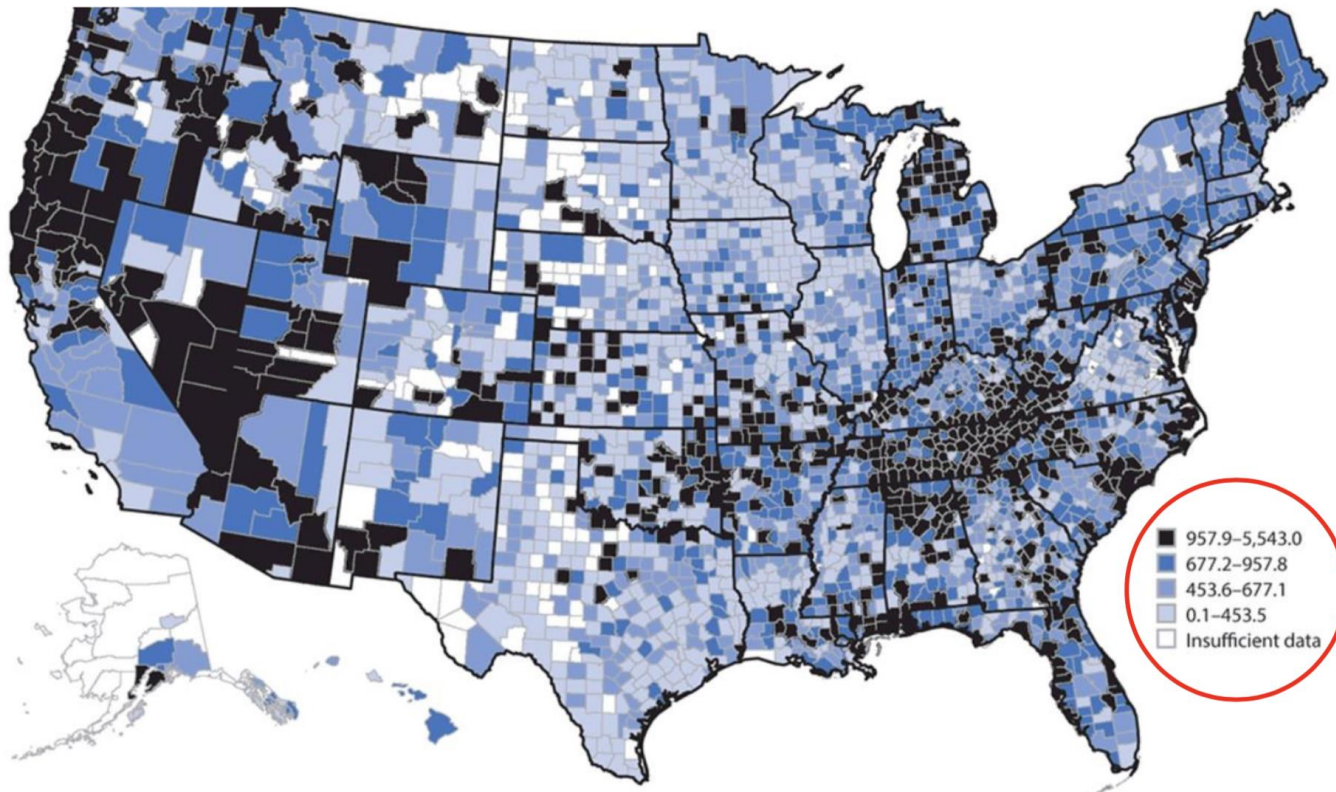
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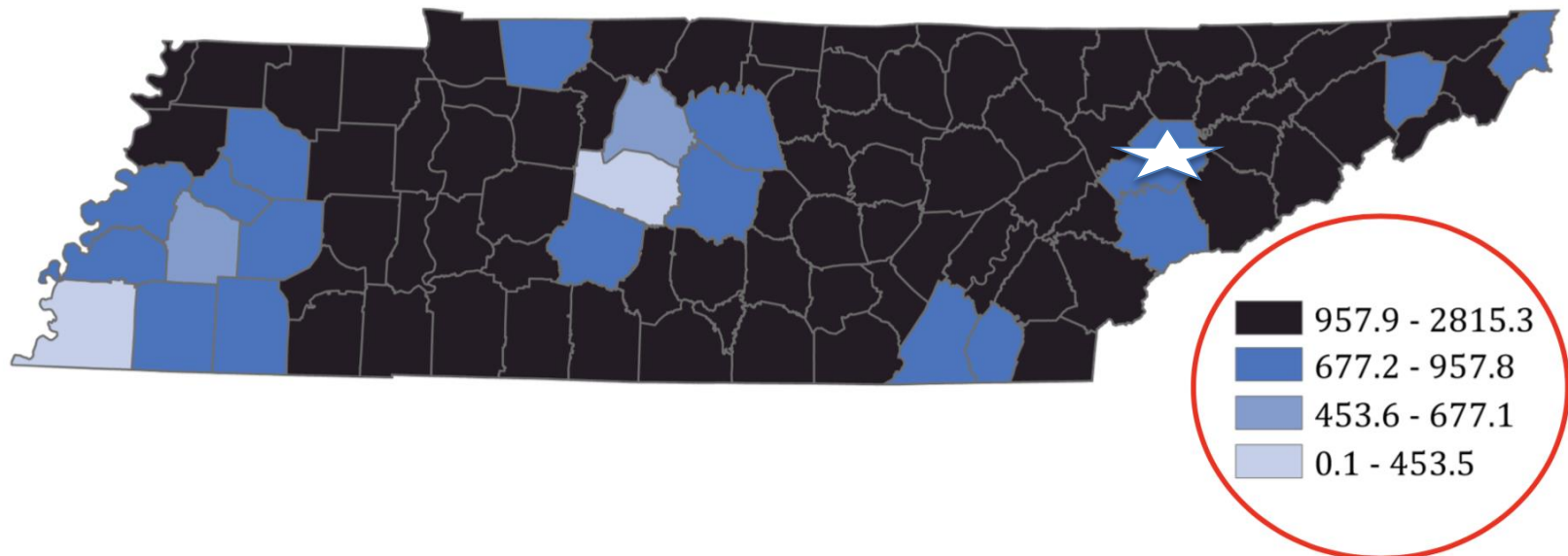


MME per capita in 2015 by County (CDC)



MME Dispensed Per Capita (2017)

The MME of opioids dispensed was enough to provide oxycodone 5mg three times a day to every man, woman, and child in the state for **six weeks**.



Why Do Physicians Overprescribe?

- How Physicians Were Trained
- Lack of knowledge
 - How many pills most patients actually take to relieve postoperative pain
 - Percentage of opioid naïve patients who remain on narcotics 1 year after surgery
- Inconvenience
 - Patient
 - Provider

Doctor's Do Not Treat Pain Effectively

1980s



Published studies and letters posit that opioids **do not carry significant risks for adverse events or addiction**^{1,2}

1998



Pain is established as a “fifth vital sign.” **Consistent pain management guidelines that rely on opioids are created**^{3,4}

2016



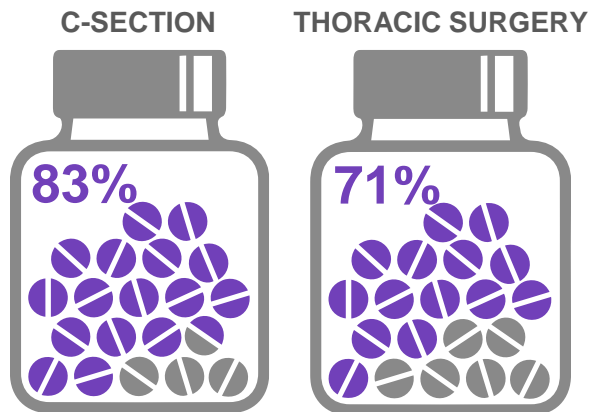
*“Today, more Americans die because of drug overdoses than because of car crashes, and most of these overdoses involve some form of opioid”*⁵

-US Surgeon General

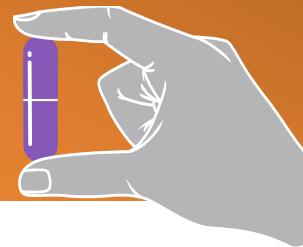
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Common Surgeries Create a Surplus of Opioids That Flood the “Market”

Proportion of patients taking half or less of prescribed opioid pills¹



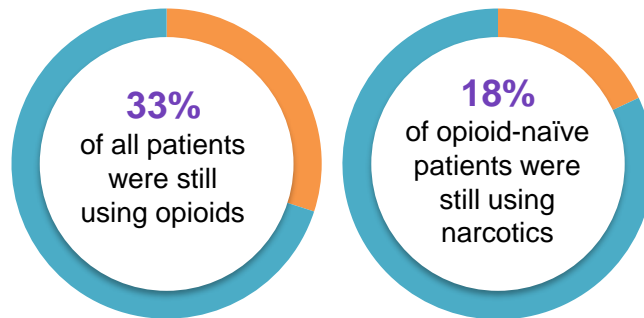
- **Outpatient upper extremity surgery²**
 - ▶ ~ 300 patients, with 92% reporting adequate pain control
 - ▶ Usually received 30 narcotic pills
 - ▶ >50% took pain pills for 2 days or less
 - ▶ Consumed an average of 11 pills per patient
- **Almost 5000 leftover tablets**



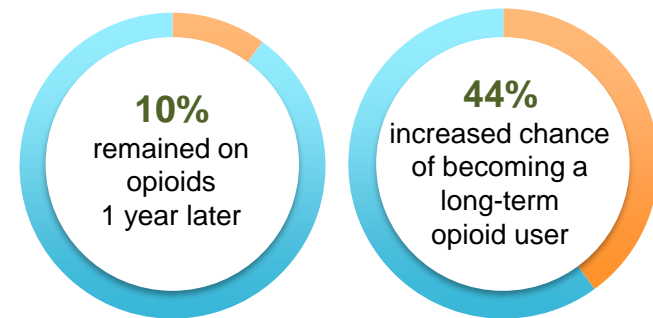
Initiation of short-term opioid therapy may lead to long-term use

Postsurgical Opioid Utilization Can Lead to Chronic Use

Patients 1 year after surgery¹

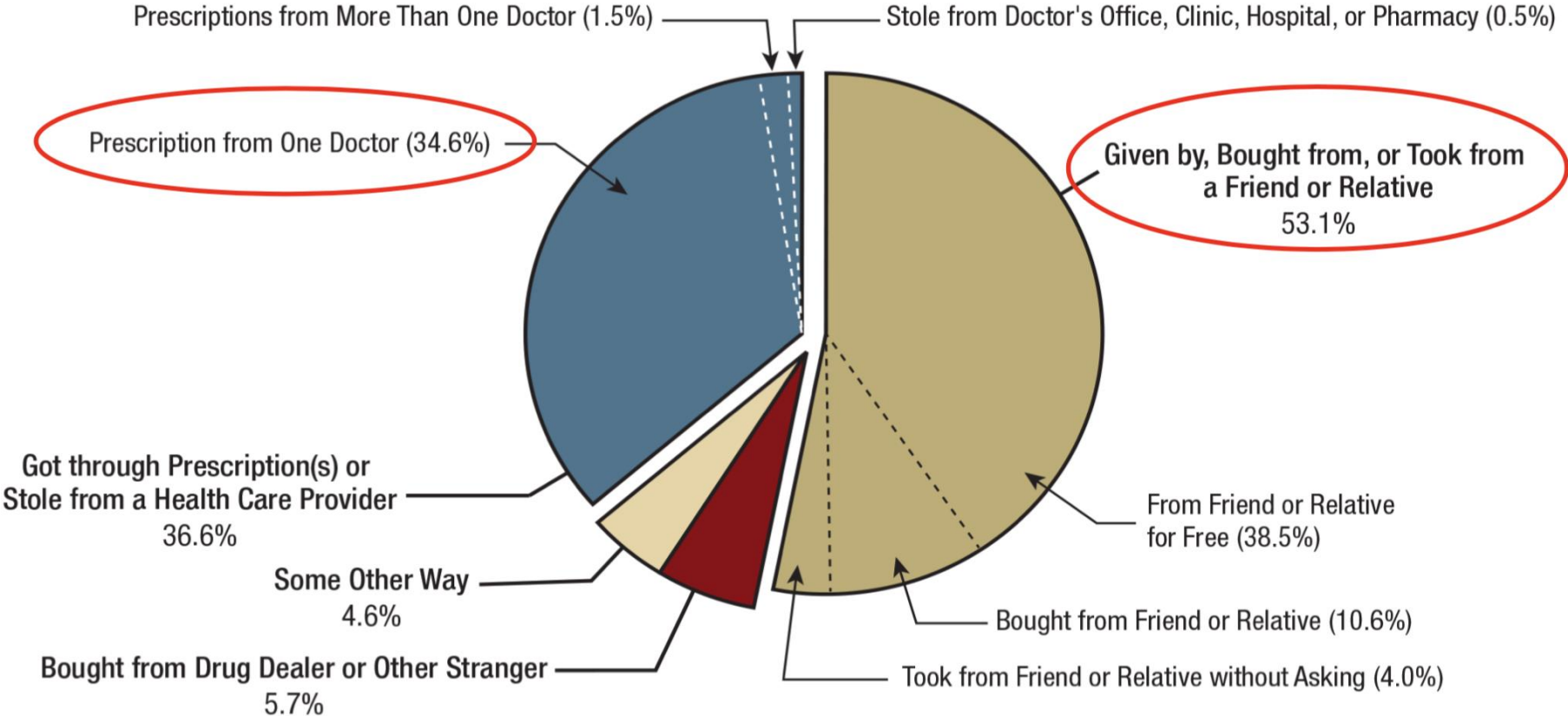


Patient aged ≥ 65 years with an opioid prescription 7 days postsurgery²



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Drug Source



11.1 Million People Aged 12 or Older Who Misused Prescription Pain Relievers in the Past Year

Prevention



- Place reasonable limits on supply and dosage of prescription opioids.
- Increase public awareness through outreach campaign and targeted education.
- Promote best practices in the medical community for pain management.

Treatment



- Ensure that all Tennesseans who need treatment have better access to recovery services and resources.
- Effectively target areas for resources through data, improved access and sharing.
- Expand treatment options and recovery programs, including those within the criminal justice system.
- Create incentives for offenders to complete intensive substance use treatment programs while incarcerated.

Law Enforcement



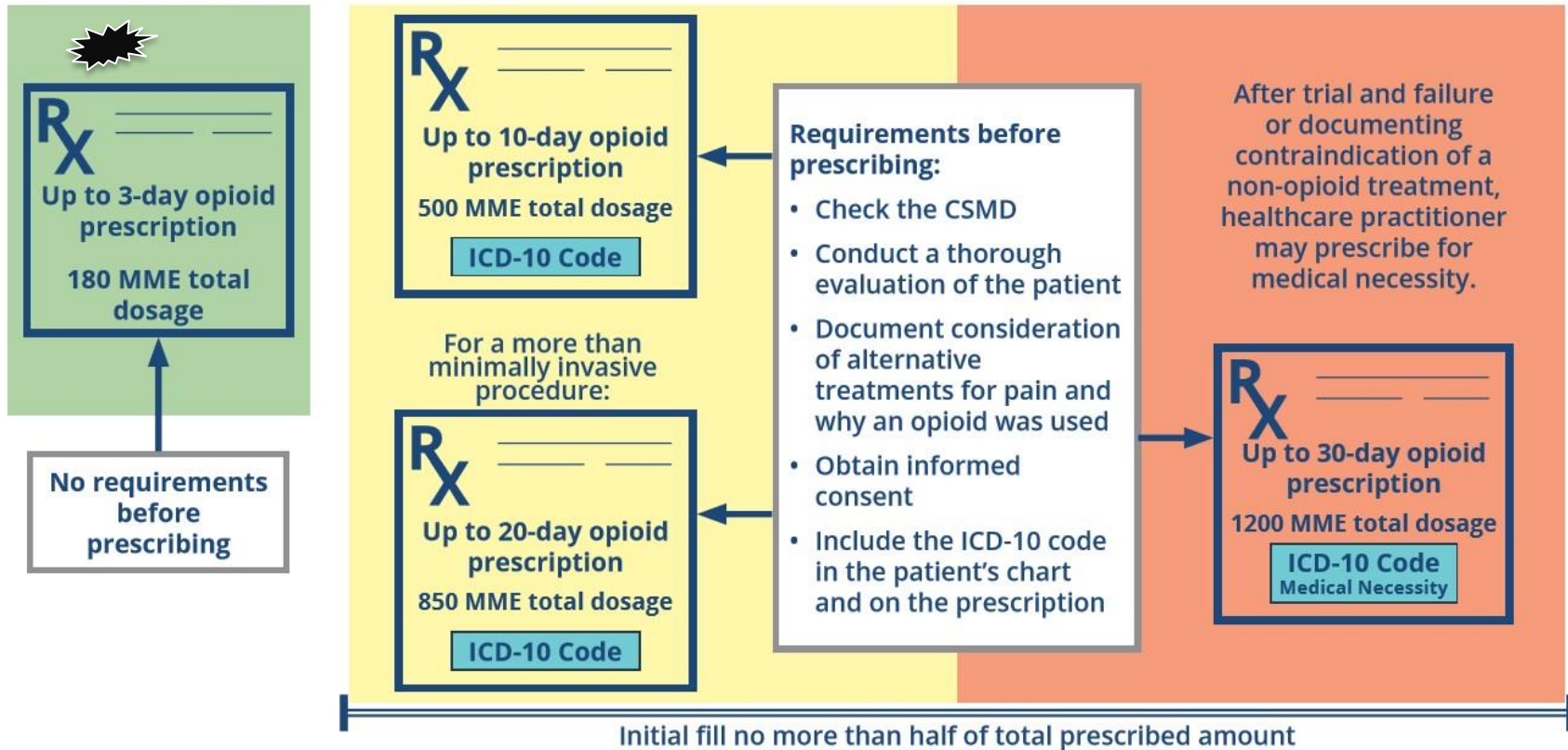
- Increase funding to address unlawful sale and trafficking of opioids.
- Provide every Tennessee state trooper with Narcan for emergency treatment of overdoses.
- Update the schedule of controlled substances to better track, monitor and penalize the use and unlawful distribution of opioids.

HB1831/SB2257 Proposed Amendment | To place more guidelines for and checkpoints between healthcare practitioners and patients before an individual is put on a chronic regimen of opioids.

TN TOGETHER

ENDING THE OPIOID CRISIS

A healthcare practitioner may prescribe:



The following are individuals exempted if the prescription includes the **ICD-10 Code** and the word “exempt”:

- Patients receiving active or palliative cancer treatment
- Patients receiving hospice care
- Patients with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease
- Patients in a licensed facility
- Patients seeing a pain management specialist
- Patients who have been treated with an opioid for 90 days or more in the last year or who are subsequently treated for 90 days or more
- Patients being treated with methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone
- Patients who have suffered severe burns or major physical trauma

UTMC Response



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Expected Pain Level: Pathway Orders in CPOE

1. Pain Non-Narcotic Pathway
2. Pain Low Narcotic Pathway
3. Pain High Narcotic Pathway
4. Pain Individualized Pathway
5. Pain Orders in Procedural / Disease Pathways

Pain Individualized Pathway

Condition/Code Status

Milestone Criteria

Pain Individualized Milestone Criteria:(NOTE)*

** Milestone (M) 1: Obtain acceptable pain control within 3 hours of first dose medication(NOTE)*

** Milestone (M) 2: Recognize that uncontrolled pain may be a warning sign of disease or pathology(NOTE)*

** Milestone (M) 3: Patients will not be harmed by over sedation from the use of

** Milestone (M) 4: All patients will receive side effect management prophylaxis for narcotic side effects(NOTE)*

** Milestone (M) 5: Consider multi-modal therapy on ALL opiate tolerant patients

Medications

Analgesics

acetaminophen

650 mg, PO, Q6H PRN, PRN Pain, Mild, Dose Form: TAB (DEF)*

650 mg, PO, Q6H, Dose Form: TAB, Duration: 8 Doses/Times

Comments: SCHEDULED FOR PAIN

1,000 mg, PO, Q6H, Dose Form: TAB, Duration: 6 Doses/Times

Comments: SCHEDULED FOR PAIN

ibuprofen

600 mg, PO, Q6H PRN, PRN Pain, Mild, Dose Form: TAB (DEF)*

600 mg, PO, Q6H, Dose Form: TAB, Duration: 8 Doses/Times

Comments: SCHEDULED FOR PAIN

800 mg, PO, Q6H, Dose Form: TAB, Duration: 6 Doses/Times

Comments: SCHEDULED FOR PAIN

Pathway: Pain Meds Summary

Pathway - Pain Meds Summary Full screen Print 0 minutes

Pain Meds Summary

Isolation: Contact (MRSA,VRE,CDiff,MDRO) Visit Reason: sent by MD high creatinine

Pain and Associated Medication Summary

Administered in the Past 24 Hours

Medication	Total (mg)	MME
<i>Narcotics & Non-Narcotic Analgesics:</i>		
morphine		8
oxycodone		60
<i>Reversal Agents & Bowel Preps:</i>		
<i>Sedating Meds:</i>		

Pain and Associated Meds Administered Past 96 Hours (25)

Pain Events Documented Past 48 Hours (2)

Total Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME)	96
Pain Red Flag Event(s)	0
Max. Pain Intensity	10
Min. Pain Intensity	0

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12/05/16	MORPHINE 2 mg Preserv Free CARPUJECT	2 mg	MME = 2
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12/04/16	oxyCODONE 5 mg IMMEDIATE REL TAB	5 mg	MME = 7.5
12/03/16	MORPHINE 2 mg Preserv Free CARPUJECT	2 mg	MME = 2
12/03/16	MORPHINE 2 mg Preserv Free CARPUJECT	2 mg	MME = 2

Controlled Substance Database (0)

Validation Links:

- CSMD Link
- Log Finding(s)

Validation Log:

Not yet documented

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Common language for how much narcotics are administered!

Drug	2016	2018	%Decrease
Lortab	8.2	7.4	10%
Percocet	13.5	11.9	12%
Morphine IV	48.2	31.3	35%
Dilaudid IV	4.0	2.8	30%

* Opioid Doses per patient

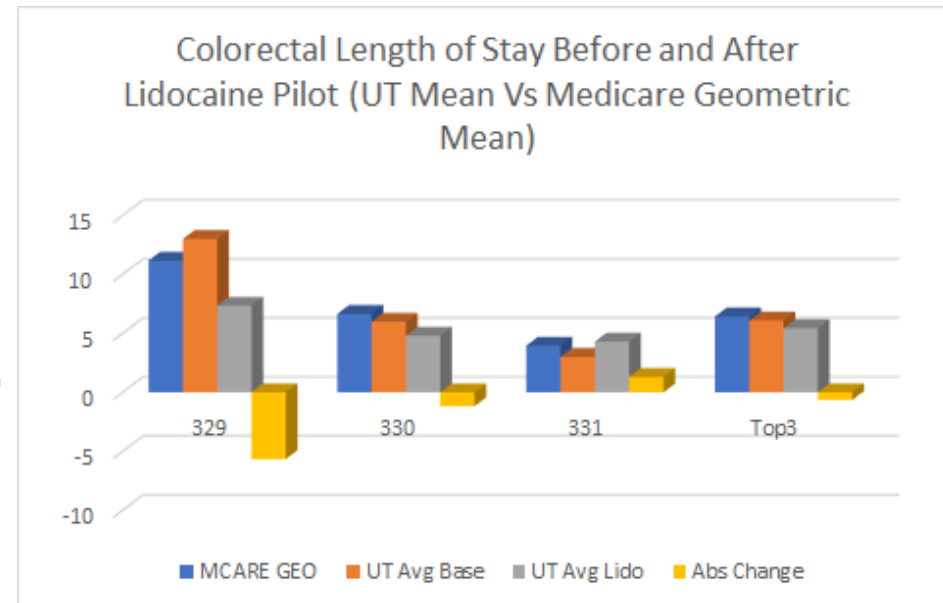
- Believed to be result of multi-modal analgesia & increased use of regional anesthesia
- Use of Ofirmev has decreased

Unexpected Financial Benefit: IV Acetaminophen (Ofirmev)

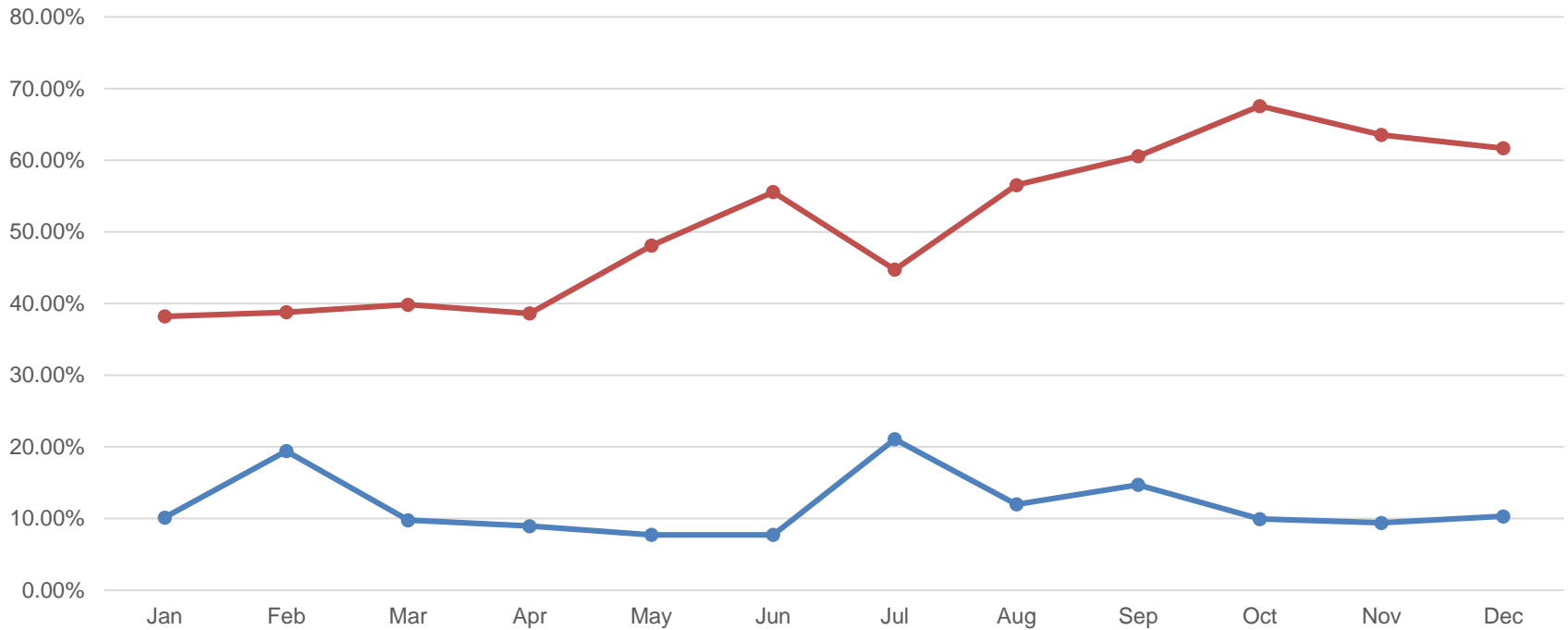
Year	Drug	Spend
2017	Ofirmev	\$1,259,826
2018	Ofirmev	\$603,100
2019 (Projected)	Ofirmev	\$318,088

- UTMC received a 35% volume discount
- 2019 projected use based upon July – Dec 2018 data
- 2019 volume discount decreased to 33%

- Multiple studies have confirmed the benefits of perioperative IV lidocaine infusions including decreases in pain scores, analgesic consumption, and side-effects with improvements in ERAS outcomes
- Common practice at UTMC in specific patient populations e.g. colectomy & renal colic



Percentage of Opioid Prescriptions
Exceeding 7 Day Supply
vs
Equal to 3 Days or Less
2018



Pain Scale

- The Pain Scale incorporates **patient functional abilities**
- This will ideally help the patient to score their pain more accurately with a reference point

Pain Assessment Ruler

0-10 Pain Intensity Scale

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No Pain	Can Be Ignored	Annoying	Very Distracting	Very Intense	Unbearable					
Activity Normal	Able To Function	Affects Physical Ability	Limits Normal Activity	Can Only Think About Pain	Unable to Function or Speak					

Quality of Pain

Radiating	Crushing	Stabbing	Piercing	Sore
Dull	Aching	Sharp	Throbbing	Burning

STOP
ASK WHY
INVESTIGATE
INITIATE RIGHT CARE

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- Previous process mandated nursing reassessment if pain scale was ≤ 4
- In patients with chronic pain and scores, the pain assessment flow sheet would sometimes show the pain score going from 8 to 0 in patients whose baseline pain was never less than 6
- Pain assessment process was revamped to a baseline based upon function

Sedation Scale: UTOSS

- Prevention of respiratory arrest from excessive opioid administration or patient sensitivity is best predicted by the degree of sedation

Level	State	Guideline
S	Sleeping, easy to arouse	No action; increase opioid if needed
1	Awake & alert	No action; increase opioid if needed
2	Drowsy, easy to arouse	No action; increase opioid if needed
3	Frequently drowsy	Unacceptable; Decrease opioid 25 – 50%; notify MD; consider non-narcotics until SS improves
4	Somnolent; minimal response to stimuli	Unacceptable; stop opioid; consider naloxone; notify MD

- No adverse or sentinel events due to opioid induced respiratory depression since UTOSS instituted on our medical or surgical floors



- If pain management therapies are unsuccessful, there may be an underlying complication which is resulting in their pain
- Don't just treat the pain score, treat the CAUSE of the pain
- Consider the following questions (**Red-Flags**) when evaluating the patient's pain
 - ▶ Is pain outside the expected location?
 - ▶ Is pain out of proportion to the diagnosis?
 - ▶ Is something 'just not right?'

Three Strikes!!!: An Example

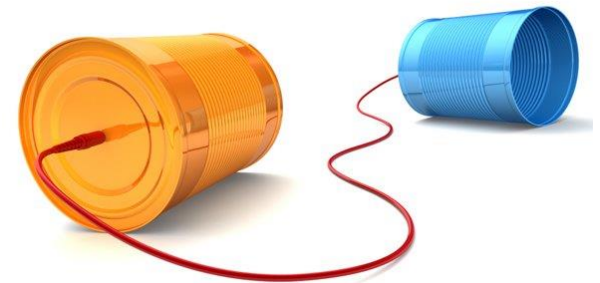
72 y.o. female with a fractured femur awaiting surgery tomorrow morning after a fall following admission for syncope evaluation

- Provider selects Drug and Dose from Pathway
- Nurse tries Prescribed Therapy
- Not Effective (no **PAIN RED FLAG** present) = **STRIKE 1** → **RETRY**
 - Nurse re-tries next available ordered dose
- Not Effective (or **PAIN RED FLAG** present) = **STRIKE 2** → **ESCALATE**
 - Nurse escalates to provider
 - Provide pain score UTOSS and vital signs
 - Provider determines proper escalation strategy
- Not Effective (or **PAIN RED FLAG** present) = **STRIKE 3** → **EVALUATE**
 - Nurse calls provider to evaluate using script
 - Provider further evaluates the situation
 - Additional Hx, repeat PE, review or order new Dx Testing

Communication Script

The communication script outlines the information the provider will need in order to determine an appropriate escalation strategy for the patient in the event previous therapies have been unsuccessful.

1. This is [45 y.o. male] admitted with [kidney stones].
2. Now complaining of [abdominal pain].
3. Pain score is [7]
4. He has received [Lyrica] and [4 mg morphine] with [no] relief.
5. Sedation score is [2]. Vital Signs are [xxxxx]
6. Has [no or 1-3] **Red Flags**.
7. How would you like me to proceed?



Patient-family Activated Concern/Safety Team



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- “Kick Start Your Hospital’s Program To Reduce Opioid-Induced Ventilatory Impairment”
 - Ongoing assessment of pain should not solely be based on numeric (1–10) scales & should include functional criteria
 - Every patient receiving opioids should have regular nursing assessments of the level of sedation at appropriate intervals including after dosing of an opioid
 - Standardized handoffs & communicate



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Drug Associated Infections: The Mandate

- Standardized approach to the management of patients hospitalized with drug use associated infections
- Focus on:
 - Safety
 - The Patient
 - Other Patients
 - Visitors
 - Team Members
 - Pain Management
 - Addiction Treatment

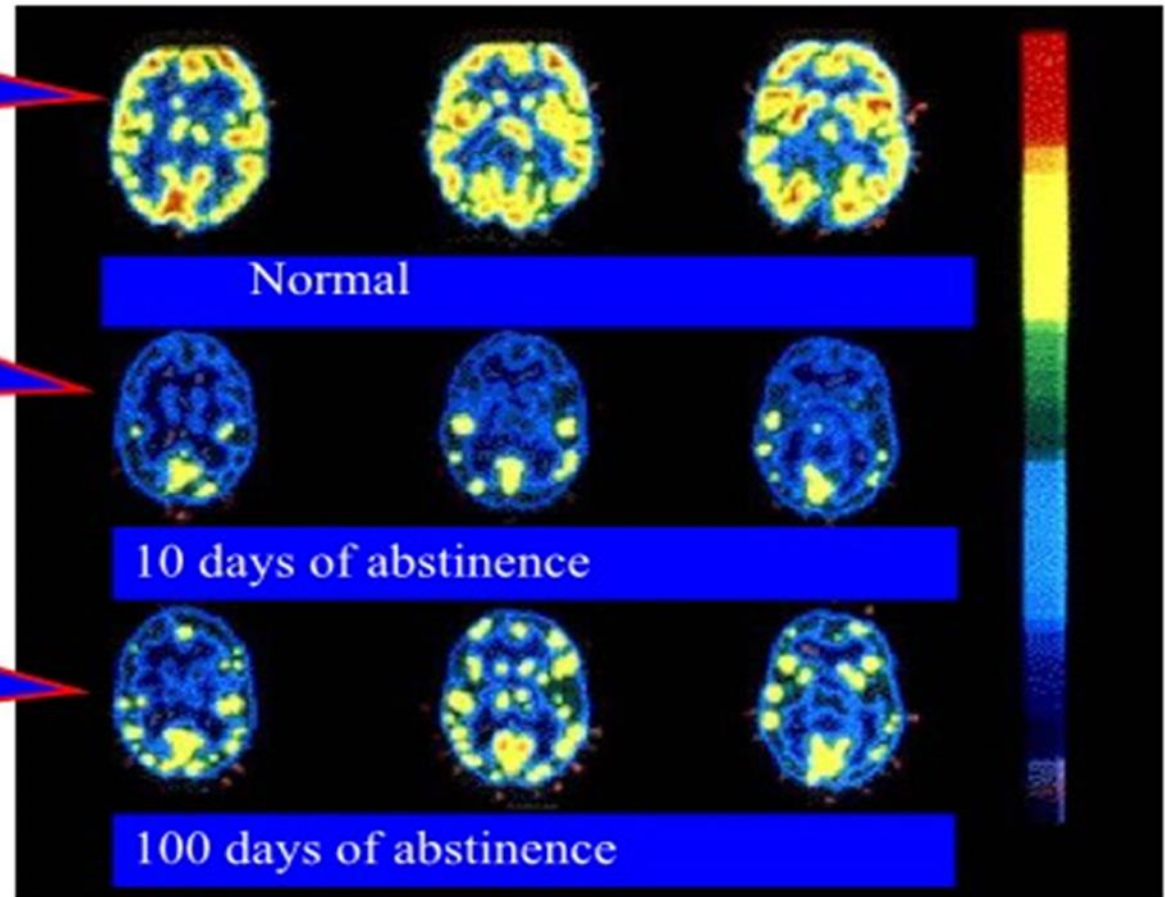


PET Scan in Addicts

Normal levels of brain activity in PET scans show up in yellow to red

Reduced brain activity after regular use can be seen even after 10 days of abstinence

After 100 days of abstinence, we can see brain activity “starting” to recover

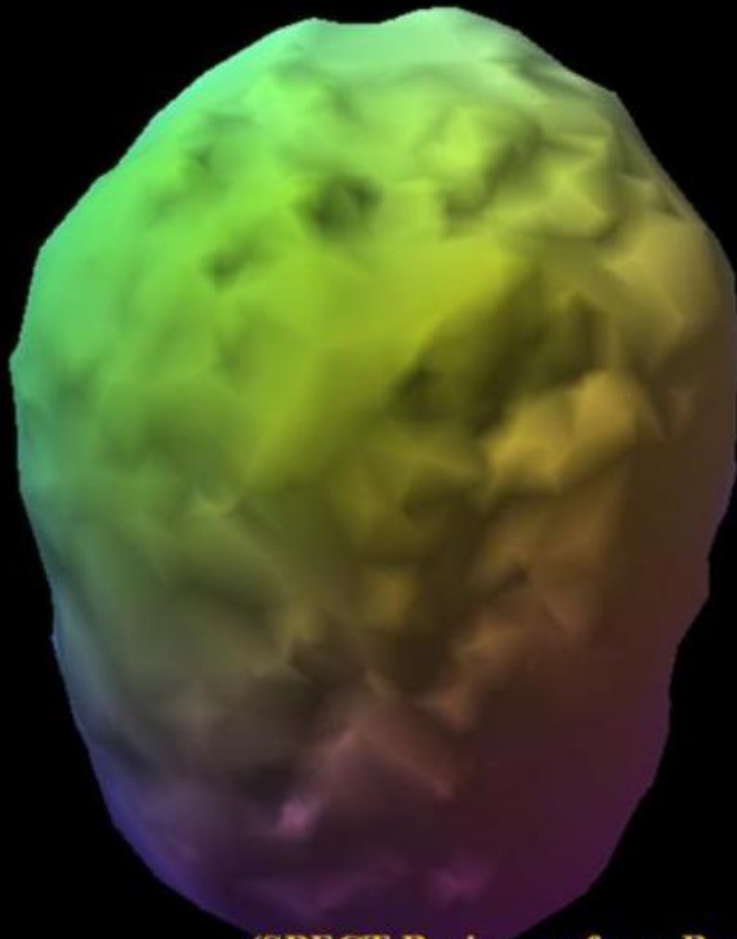


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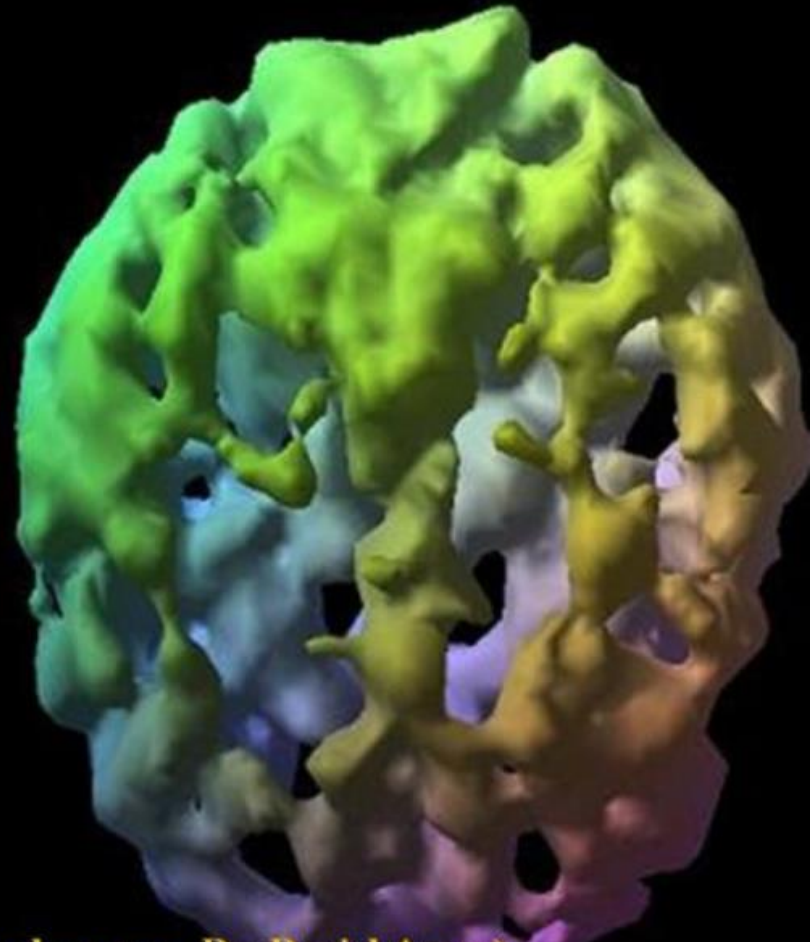
Science = Solutions

SPECT Brain Scan

Normal Brain



**7 years Methadone use,
some prior Heroin**



(SPECT Brain scan from Brainplace.com, Dr. Daniel Amen)

- Thirty member task force
 - Nurse Managers
 - Physicians
 - Security
 - Pharmacy
 - Patient Advocacy
 - Compliance
 - General Counsel
 - Medical Ethicist



Plan of Care for Drug Use Associated Infections

- The admitting physician orders that the DUA I Plan of Care be instituted
- Search performed by security
- Personal property including clothing removed
- All patients will be placed in a specific and identifiable gown
- No access to personal cellular phone
- Patients are restricted to the floor
- Conversion of tablet medication (especially pain & sedative medications) to liquid form when feasible with proof of swallowing
- No visitors

Plan of Care for DUAL Infections: Initiation

- The admitting physician orders that the DUAL Plan of Care be instituted
- The physician (APN/PA) and the Nurse Manager of the floor where the patients resides discuss the need for the plan based on patient safety
- The physician usually leaves after the introduction of the plan
- The nurse manager with security present goes over the plan of care in detail
- The patient signs the POC to acknowledge the tenets
- A signed copy is left in the room

- Patient Clothing
 - All patients will be placed in a specific and identifiable gown
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- Floor Restriction
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- Visitation Policy
 - No visitation will be allowed upon admission
 - Visitation and the number of visitors are re-evaluated after one week by the nurse manager
 - Process to allow visitation to be earned
 - When (if at all)?
 - Who?
 - How many?
- When (if) visitation is allowed, restrict visiting hours to 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM 7 days per week

- If the patient's medical condition warrants transfer to the intensive care unit (ICU), the expectations and guidelines of the plan of care will continue both in the ICU and upon return to the acute care floor
 - Visitors may be allowed while in the ICU at nurse manager and physician discretion
 - However visitors will not be allowed to personal belongings to the patient or into the ICU room
- Participation in all prescribed treatments, including, but not limited physical therapy, specialist consults, and skilled nursing facility placement when deemed appropriate is a mandated tenet of the POC
- POC is not initially implemented in the ICU upon admission
 - EMTALA

- No access to personal cellular phone for the first week
 - Landline telephone access
 - Access to personal cellular phone after the first week at the discretion of the nursing unit leadership
 - Makes access to drug sources more difficult
- Allow supervised trips outside with the unit's nurse manager, clinical nurse specialist, or team leader after three weeks of hospitalization to a location to be determined by leadership staff based upon cooperative behavior
 - 0900 – 1600 as unit staffing allows
 - Family and visitors will not be allowed to accompany



Contraband Found: DUAJ

Contraband	#	%
Prescription Pills/Medications	918	50%
Syringes/Needles	337	18%
Unknown Substance/Residue	99	5%
Other Drug Paraphernalia	88	5%
Burnt Spoon/Cans	79	4%
Rubber Tourniquets/Ties	53	3%
Cut Straws	42	2%
Pipes	31	2%
Stolen Medical Supplies	28	2%
Heroin	28	2%
Knives	26	1%
Meth	17	1%
Marijuana	12	1%

- Contraband Found or Search Refused @ 41%

Diagnosis	%
Osteomyelitis	14%
Infective Endocarditis	26%
Soft Tissue Infection	36%
Sepsis	17%
Other	3%
No Infection	3%

- Pilot length: 549 days
- # of Patients: 723
- Addiction RX at D/C: 12%
- Readmission: 22%
- Race
 - 99% Caucasian
 - 1% African American
- Gender
 - 48% Male
 - 52% Female

Left Against Medical Advice

Diagnosis	Total #	LAMA	%LAMA
Osteomyelitis	100	32	32%
Infective Endocarditis	189	82	43%
Sepsis	127	71	56%
Epidural Abscess	3	0	0%
Soft Tissue Infection	258	96	37%
Endophthalmitis	8	3	38%
Empyema	3	1	33%
No Infection	35	10	29%
Total	723	295	41%

Left Against Medical Advice

DUAJ	
Abiding By Plan/Discharged Properly	60%
Signed Plan Then Later Left AMA	25%
Refused to Sign Plan at Admission – Left AMA	13%
Pt Discharged for Not Abiding By Plan	2%

Diagnosis	Agree (d)	LAMA (d)
Osteomyelitis	17.2	6.2
Endocarditis	21.1	6.0
Sepsis	8.1	2.7
Soft Tissue	5.3	3.4

LAMA = Left Against Medical Advice



- President of Mercy Health's Behavioral Health Institute in Ohio
 - “**When COPD patients smoke, we don't discharge them.** We educate them, try to get buy-in and offer smoking substitutes. If we're not creating no-visitor rules for those patients, we shouldn't do it for patients with chemical dependencies.”
 - “If a patient or guest has brought in drugs and we're aware of it, the team has to **sit down with the patient and say, 'This can't keep going on because it puts everyone at risk.** What do we need to do that would be helpful to you?' I can't say we never discharge a patient, but we haven't had to do it very often.”
 - “It's essential to educate staff to **reduce biased and stigmatizing attitudes toward drug-addicted patients**, whichproduces policies like UTMC's.”

- Dr. David Kasick
 - Leads a team of consulting psychiatrists working with medical and surgical teams at Ohio State University Medical Center
 - “If patients feel they are being restricted, they may leave and relapse. We try to work with them on **being safe in the least restrictive way, not one size-fits-all.**”
- Dr. Timothy Lahey
 - Infectious disease specialist and ethicist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
 - “This is a super-frustrating area of clinical care and I can't judge someone for taking a command-and-control approach. But I think it's **misguided.**”

- Arthur Caplan
 - Director of medical ethics at the NYU School of Medicine
 - “...*doesn't see it as an ethical way to treat patients* outside of mental health settings.”
- Martin Green
 - Immediate past president of the International Association for Healthcare
 - “I'm not saying it's the wrong thing to do, but it's a new one on me. The patient is in a hospital, not a jail. It may be a *violation of that person's human rights.*”

Did you contact complainant:

Complaint Summary:

[http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20180707/NEWS/180709961?
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In response to the media article above, the leadership of The Joint Commission has the following questions:

1. What organization specific data was utilized to make the decision to establish and implement the IV Drug Use Associated Infection Plan of Care.
2. What data was used to determine each level of restriction?
3. What alternatives were considered that were less restrictive to the patient's rights?
4. When is this policy implemented in relationship to patient status (ED, outpatient, OBS, Inpatient)?
5. Is there risk of EMTALA with the implementation of this program?
6. What data is collected to evaluate the effectiveness of this program in addition to the data collected from the first line item?
7. How is the patients mental health evaluated based on the possibility of closure from family support and contact and room confinement for a long period of time coupled with potential of mental effects of withdrawal?
8. Going through each restriction implemented, how was the decision made based on data to implement that restriction to the level it was implemented?
9. Is the patient allowed to leave the room they are designated within? Is the patient in the room alone with the perception they cannot leave the room?
10. If yes to either of these it is seclusion according to CMS and would require the components of seclusion to be done.
11. How is patient perception evaluated?
12. How have alterations in perception of quality of care been addressed?
13. How did the organization make the determination that each of these standards and elements of performance were still provided with the implementation of the policy as part of the analysis conducted from the leadership standards above?

- Adopted by the other hospital systems in our region
 - Covenant
 - Tennova
- Presentations and visits from multiple other institutions across the country
 - Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia (727 beds)
 - The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati (527 beds)
 - Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis (627 beds)
 - Vanderbilt University Medical Center (626 beds)

- Wake Forest
 - We have a ***significant issue with patients who are intravenous drug (illicit) abusers, who repeatedly break behavioral contracts*** including leaving the floor with PICC lines in place. Our behavioral contract includes ***a sitter, pain medicine consult, visitor restriction, and psychiatry consult*** to evaluate for IVC.

The next reasonable step would be to discharge the patient; however, the primary providers may not feel the patient is safe, medically, to discharge the patients.

 1. In these cases, ***does anyone have an administrative discharge process?***
 2. If so, who discharges the patient?
 3. What happens if the patient returns to the ED?

- University of Kentucky

- We have ***grappled with similar issues***. We have revised our discharge policy to ***administratively discharge*** any patient who remains off the floor/out of room/unavailable for care after 2 hours or more. For patients who are frequently out of their rooms with recurrently positive urine drug screens and/or disruptive or threatening, we engage the physician and care team to determine whether the patient is deriving any benefit from continued inpatient therapy. If the patient is stable, we often recommend discharge. Some of our hospitalists have shied away from discharging a stable disruptive and/or noncompliant patient out of fear of potential liability; in the end, when the decision whether to discharge a patient is a medical one, we defer to the professional's judgment. However, often when such patients are confronted with their conduct, coupled with a ***behavioral agreement which limits mobility, visitors, and medications, many patients will leave against medical advice***. Finally, when the patients return to the ED - whenever that may be- we recommend that our providers comply with the legal obligations under EMTALA, to wit: triage, screen for an emergency medical condition, and stabilize and treat. Thereafter, *the provider may make a determination* regarding disposition based on his/her professional judgment

	Physicians	Security	Nurses
Overall Management	80% Significant Improvement 20% Some Improvement 100%	50% Significant Improvement 50% Some Improvement 100%	62% Significant Improvement 28% Some Improvement 8% No Change 3% Slightly Worse 90%
Patient Satisfaction	25% Significant Improvement 25% Some Improvement 25% No Change 25% Significantly Worse	17% Significant Improvement 50% Some Improvement 33% No Change	23% Significant Improvement 31% Some Improvement 15% No Change 23% Slightly Worse 8% Significantly Worse
Team Member Satisfaction	80% Significant Improvement 20% Some Improvement	50% Significant Improvement 50% Some Improvement	55% Significant Improvement 35% Some Improvement 8% No Change 3% Slightly Worse
Physician Satisfaction	80% Significant Improvement 20% Some Improvement	50% Significant Improvement 33% Some Improvement 17% No Change	41% Significant Improvement 23% Some Improvement 28% No Change 8% Slightly Worse

Positive Trends: Relationships

PERSONAL ISSUES	very				very
	poor	poor	fair	good	good
	1	2	3	4	5
1. Staff concern for your privacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2. How well your pain was controlled	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
3. Degree to which hospital staff addressed your emotional needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
4. Response to concerns/complaints made during your stay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
5. Staff effort to include you in decisions about your treatment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
6. Staff sensitivity to the inconvenience that health problems and hospitalization can cause	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
7. Extent to which staff checked your ID bracelet before giving you medications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

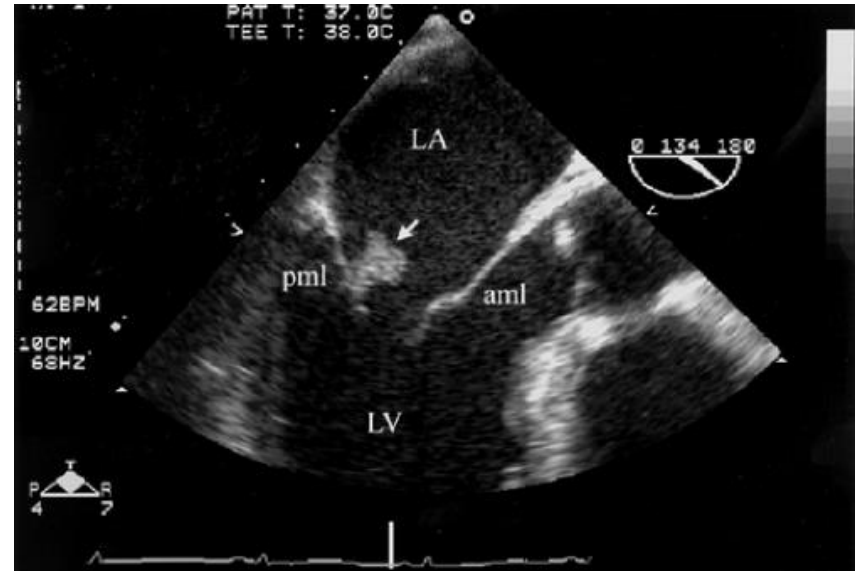
Comments (describe good or bad experience): _____

OVERALL ASSESSMENT	very				very
	poor	poor	fair	good	good
	1	2	3	4	5
1. How well staff worked together to care for you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2. Likelihood of your recommending this hospital to others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
3. Overall rating of care given at hospital	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
4. Answers given to your billing questions (if you had any)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Comments (describe good or bad experience): _____

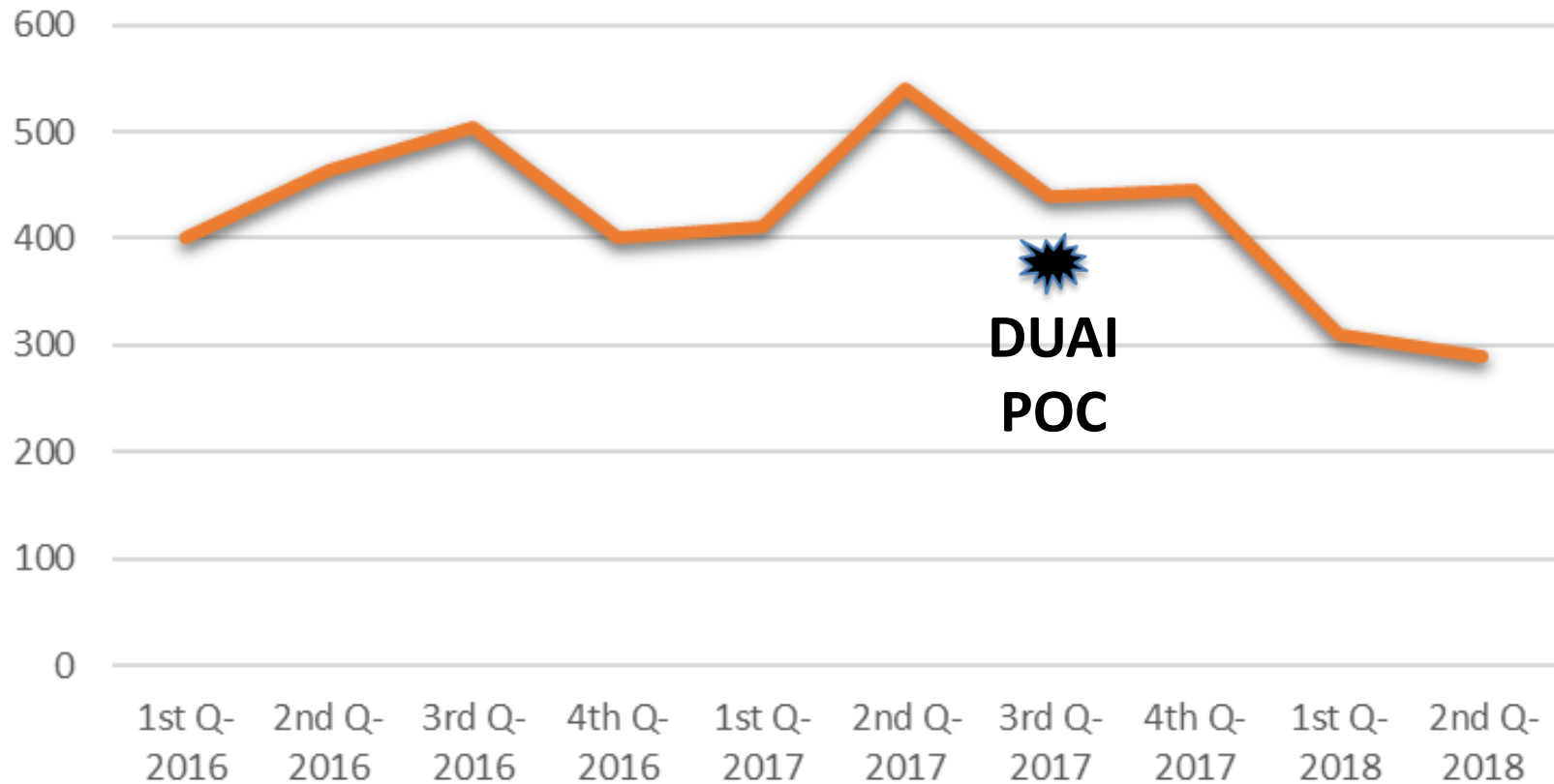
UTMC Experience: Endocarditis

- >95% of endocarditis at UTMC is due to IV drug use
- More difficult to separate the causes of sepsis, soft tissue infection & osteomyelitis

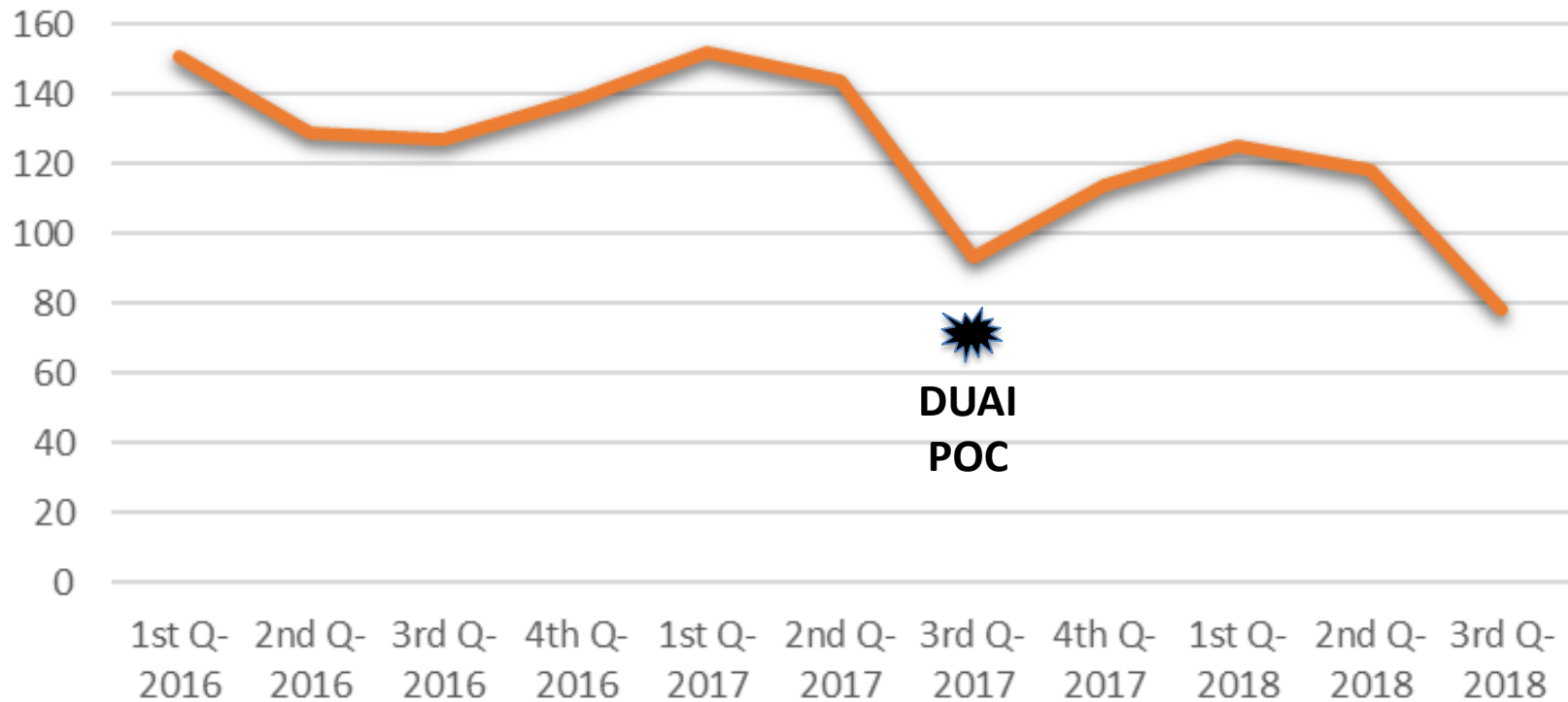


Group	Number	LAMA	Re-Admission	Died
8/15/2016 - 8/14/2017 Endocarditis	126	15%	10%	13%
8/15/2017 - 7/09/2018 Endocarditis	104	39%	19%	1%
8/15/2017 - 7/09/2018 Pilot Total	413	41%	19%	1.4% ⁵⁵

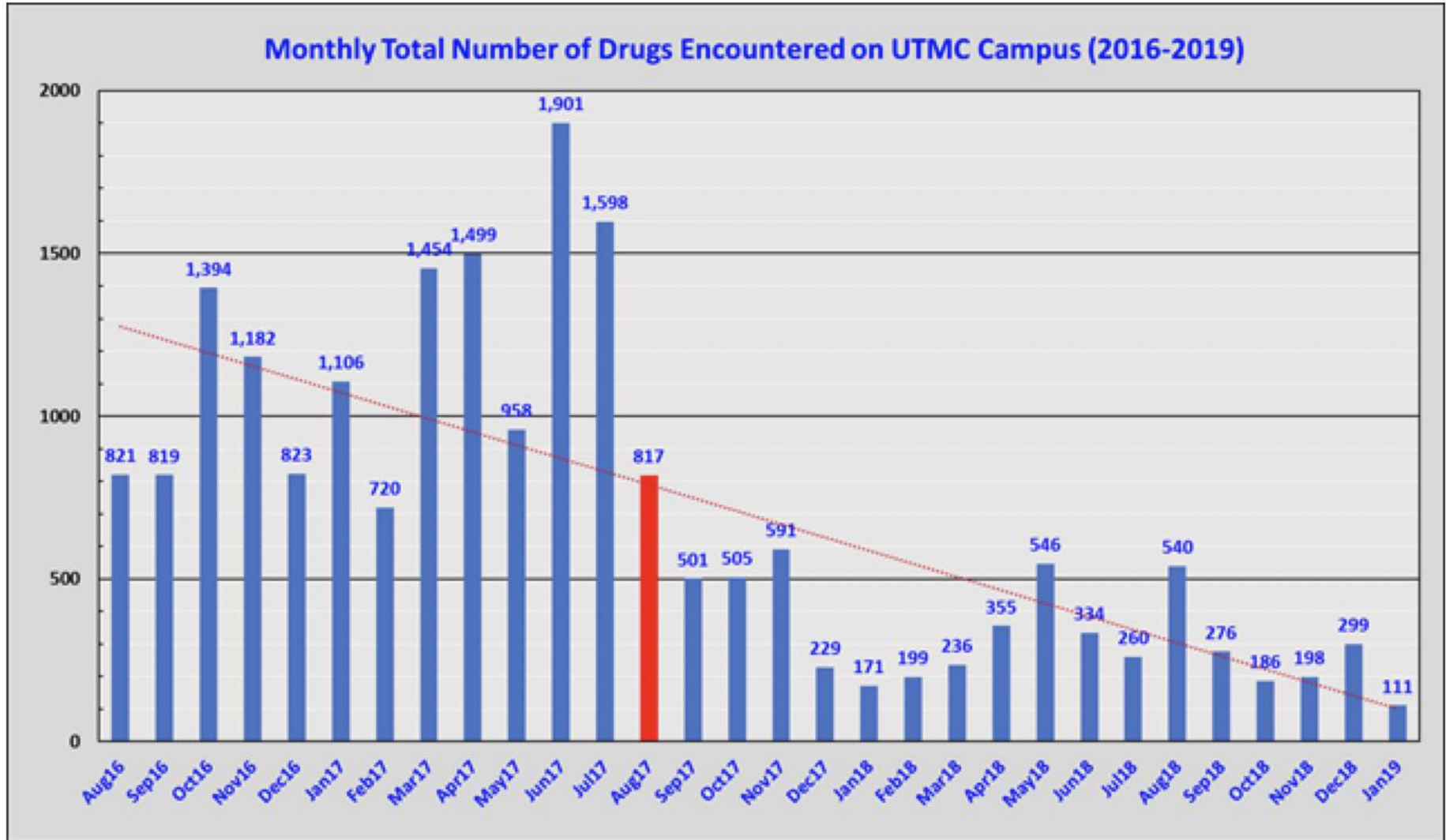
UTMC Total Criminal Incidents



UTMC Total Workplace Violence Incidents (2016-2018)



Drugs Encountered by UTMC Security (Number)



Improvement in Patient and Team Member Safety: Overall

- UTMC Total Criminal Incidents – (Assaults/Drug Incidents/Thefts/Burglaries/Vandalisms Totals
 - Decreased **36.56%** from 2017 through 2018

- Drugs Encountered

In Each Case, the DUA

- Drugs Paraphernalia and Weapons Encountered

Was NOT IMPLEMENTED

- Deaths from Inicit Drug Overdose while Hospitalized
 - Three overdoses
 - 2 Deaths
 - Drugs obtained from family (mother) or ‘friends’

Questions?