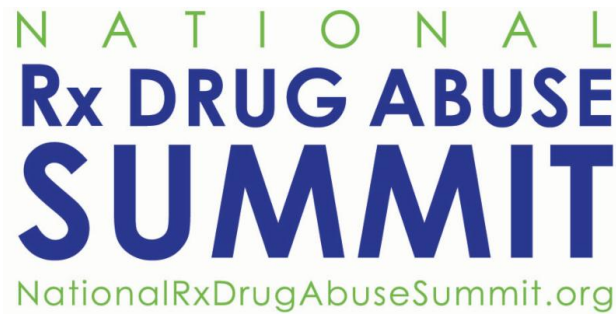


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Top Stories In The News

1. DEA effort to curb painkiller abuse falls short at pharmacies

By Alan Schwarz, The New York Times

When the Drug Enforcement Administration announced last year that pharmacies nationwide could accept and destroy customers' unwanted prescription drugs, experts in substance abuse called it a significant step toward easing the painkiller and heroin epidemic.

One year later, however, the response has been insignificant, dismaying optimists and leaving communities searching for other strategies. Only about 1 percent of American pharmacies have set up disposal programs, with none of those belonging to the two largest chains, CVS and Walgreens, which have balked at the cost and security risks, according to government and industry data.

To read more, [click here](#).

2. AMA seeks to increase access to naloxone

AMA Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse

A document released by the [American Medical Association Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse](#) in October, "Help save lives: Increase access to naloxone," strongly encourages widespread access to naloxone as well as broad Good Samaritan protections to those who aid someone experiencing an overdose.

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In addition, the document provides information for physicians, an overview of state naloxone access laws and Good Samaritan protections, and links to helpful resources.

To read more, [click here](#).

To visit Task Force website, [click here](#).

3. Breaking down the stigma of mental illness and addiction

Erin Stone, Midland Reporter-Telegram

"Jennifer" has had a life filled with many trials. Her father was an alcoholic with bipolar disorder who turned violent after an accident caused him severe brain damage and worsened his condition. She struggled since adolescence with alcoholism and drug abuse. She went through a traumatic divorce in 1995.

That was the last straw. The 61-year-old Midland woman, who asked to remain anonymous, suffered a psychotic break and was diagnosed as bipolar. She ended up in a state hospital off and on over the next seven years.

Dual diagnosis, or co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse disorders is the norm rather than the exception nowadays. Forty-six percent of the Permian Basin Community Centers' clients in Midland-Odessa are dual diagnosed, according to Medical Director Roddy Strobel.

To read more, [click here](#).

4. U.S. Attorney General sees doctors as partners in addiction fight

WCVB TV-5, Boston

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch told a gathering of Massachusetts physicians and pharmacists that they are critical partners with law enforcement in the fight against prescription painkiller and heroin abuse.

Lynch, speaking Friday (October 2) at the Massachusetts Medical Society headquarters in Waltham, said by harnessing "the expertise, the passion and the conviction" of health care professionals, "I have no doubt that we can preserve opportunity, strengthen families and save lives."

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To view Attorney General's remarks, [click here](#).

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