Update on Controlled Substance Diversion
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1850s--Bureau of Habit Forming Drugs
1919--Department of Narcotic Drug Control
1933--Bureau of Narcotic Control
1972--Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement
1985--Bureau of Controlled Substances
2004--Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement

Question 1

BNE’s mission is to:
A. Prevent controlled substance prescribing
B. Allow legitimate use of controlled substances
C. Combat illegal use of controlled substances
D. B & C
Question 1--Answer

BNE’s mission is to:
Answer is D. B & C
B. Allow legitimate use of controlled substances
C. Combat illegal use of controlled substances

BNE’s Mission

• Allow Legitimate Use of Controlled Substances
• Combat Illegal Use of Controlled Substances

Introduction to BNE

Three Main Sections:
– Official Prescription Program
– Education, Outreach and Diversion Prevention
– Narcotic Investigation & Enforcement
### Overview
- Official New York State Prescription
- Practitioner Notification Programs
- Education/Outreach
- Lost/stolen prescriptions
- Data analysis
- Suspicious purchases
- Investigations—civil and criminal
- Licensing
- Inspections
- Drug Destructions
- Regional Offices

### Controlled Substance Abuse: Trends and Monitoring
- Nationwide Statistics
- NYS Statistics

### National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)
Non- Medical Use
- NOT PRESCRIBED TO YOU
- YOU TOOK THE DRUG ONLY FOR THE EXPERIENCE OR FEELING IT CAUSED
Generic drugs are much more valuable than brand-name drugs on the street.

A. True
B. False
Question 2--Answer

Generic drugs are much more valuable than brand-name drugs on the street.

Answer:
B. False

Prescription Drug Abuse

Street Drugs vs Prescription Drugs
- Better Potency
- Consistency
- Purity
- Availability
- Resale Value
- Less Risk of HIV/Hepatitis
- Perception of Lawfulness

Value of Street Drugs

- Dependent on several factors
  Onset of actions-FAST
  Intensity of effect-HIGH
  Duration of action-SHORT
  Administration- IV/SNORTING
  Brand Name vs Generic
Street Prices of Controlled Substances
(per tablet)

- Hydromorphone- $50-$100
- Valium-$2.00-$6.00
- Alprazolam-$2.00
- Methadone - $1.00/mg (spit back less)
- Secobarbital-$6.00
- Methylphenidate-$4.00-$8.00
- Hydrocodone-$1.00-$5.00
- Oxycodone- $20.00-$80.00 ($1.00/mg)

SCAMS

- DRUG SCAMS
  - DENTIST ON CALL
  - PHONY OFFICER criminals posing as...law enforcement personnel call the victims who in most cases previously purchased drugs over the Internet or via telepharmacies inform the victims that purchasing drugs over the Internet or the telephone is illegal and that law enforcement action will be pursued unless a fine...is paid

Question 3

Narcotic Investigations in the institutional setting focus on

- A. Nurses
- B. Physicians
- C. Pharmacists
- D. All of the above
Question 3--Answer
Narcotic Investigations in the institutional setting focus on

Answer:
D. All of the above—Nurses, Physicians and Pharmacists

Narcotic Investigations
• Trafficking
  • Unlawful Sale of Drugs & Prescriptions
  • Forgery Rings
  • Doctor Shoppers
• Impairment
  • Impairment of Practitioners, Pharmacists, Nurses, Technicians, EMT

Narcotic Investigations
• Institutional Diversion
  • Thefts
  • False Entries in Patient Charts
  • Drug Substitution
  • Automatic Dispensing Systems
Institutional Diversion

- How does this affect the institutional practitioner?
- What have we seen?

Institutional Diversion

- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Physicians
- Not limited to the above

Curtailing Abuse, Misuse & Diversion

- Official New York State Prescriptions
- Statutory & Regulatory Requirements
- Practitioner Notification Program
- Education & Outreach
Official Prescription

- Heat Sensitive Ink
- Copy Protection
- Bar Coded Serial Number

Patient Safety Feature

“Street Value”
$300.00/ Prescription
Data Analysis

- Assist with programs
- Assist with identifying trends and problem areas

Question 4

The on-line practitioner notification program allows prescribers to
A. See all possible drug interactions their patients may be experiencing
B. Keep tabs on their neighbor’s controlled substance use
C. Notify their patients of new controlled substances to market
D. View their own patient’s recent controlled substance history

Question 4--Answer

The on-line practitioner notification program allows prescribers to
D. View their own patient’s recent controlled substance history
**Practitioner Notification Program Goals**

- Deter diversion and abuse of controlled substances
- Inform practitioners when their patients are obtaining controlled substances from multiple practitioners in a 30 day period
- Provide information to practitioners on rehabilitation treatment

**Practitioner Notification Program**

- **Manual or Unsolicited Program**
  Letters alert practitioners of potential “Doctor Shoppers”
- **On-line Program**
  Secure on-line access to patient’s recent controlled substance history

**Practitioner Notification Program Map  2009**
Prevalent Drugs
PNP-2009

Profile of a “Doctor Shopper”
• 31 YO Male
• 6 Addresses
• 20 Prescribers
• 20 Pharmacies
• 32 Prescriptions
Curtailing Prescription Fraud

- Secure/lock unused prescription pads
  - Carry one pad
  - Don’t leave pads in examining room
- Never sign prescription blanks in advance (prohibited by law)
- Don’t use prescriptions for notes or memos

Curtailing Fraud

- Must safeguard forms
- Must report lost/stolen—check BNE website
- Quantity and refills on Rx must be in both written and numerical form
- Pharmacist must require ID of unknown persons
- Institutional pharmacists—check returns
Thank You!