

Emergency Department Perspective of Heroin and Opioid Addiction in Rural Pennsylvania

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Overview of the Problem

Overdose deaths of increased 5-fold since 1980 in the US

In 2009, drug overdose deaths surpassed MVC deaths for the first time

Deaths from opioid related deaths outnumber deaths from all other illicit drugs combined

Rates of ED visits for pharmaceutical abuse/misuse increased 114% from 2004-2011, illicit drug visits were stable

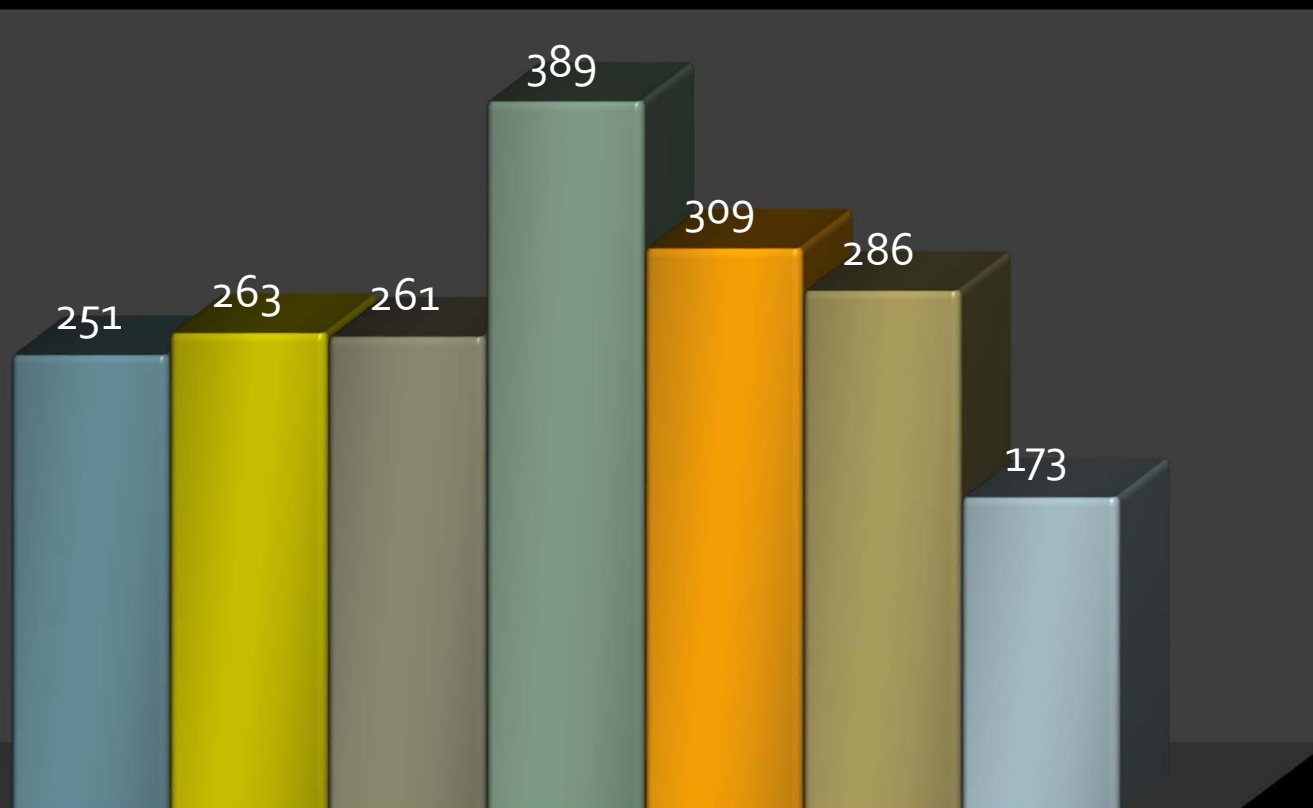
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Ongoing Heroin Overdoses Presenting to the ED

Significant Prescription Opiate Abuse in the ED

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Summary

The abuse of illicit and prescription drugs has become an epidemic. Pennsylvania lags behind other states in instituting proven programs to reduce death and abuse from these substances.



Thank You

Questions? Comments?