


# Opioids and Heroin: The New American Epidemic

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## WHY USE THE TERM EPIDEMIC?

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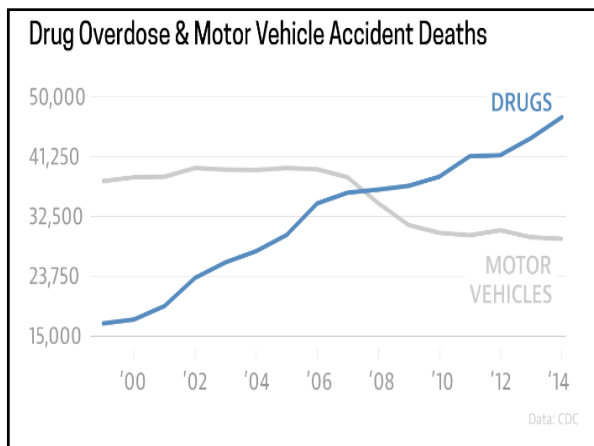
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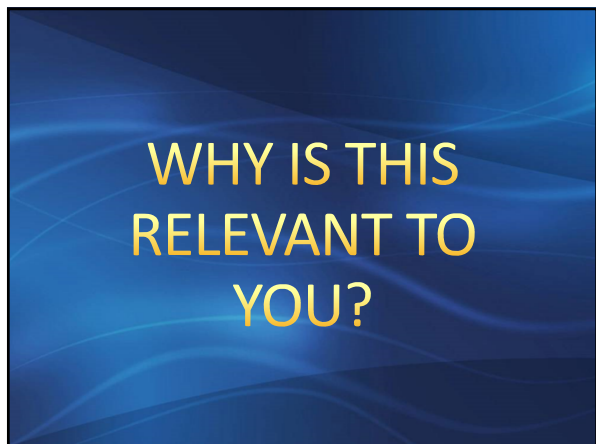
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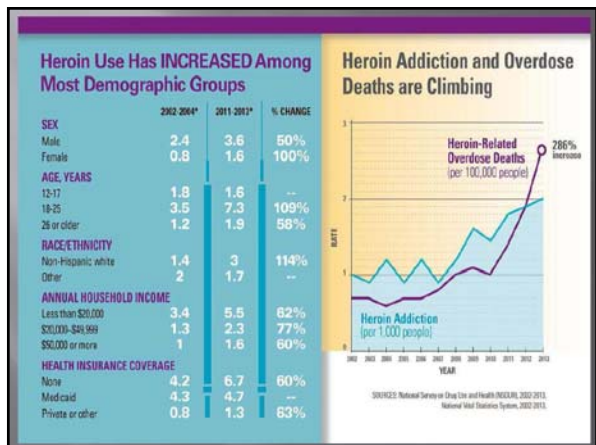
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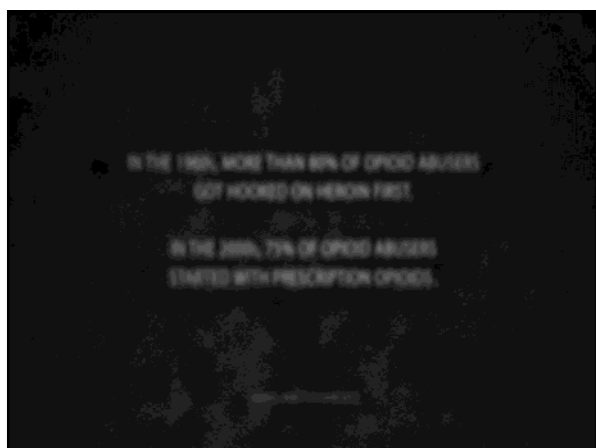
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## Common Opiates

- Heroin
- Codeine
- Demerol
- Morphine
- Darvocet
- Fentanyl
- Dilaudid
- Methadone
- Opium
- Hydrocodone
- Oxycodone
- Vicodin
- OxyContin
- Tylenol 3
- Tylox
- Levorphanol
- Percocet
- Percodan

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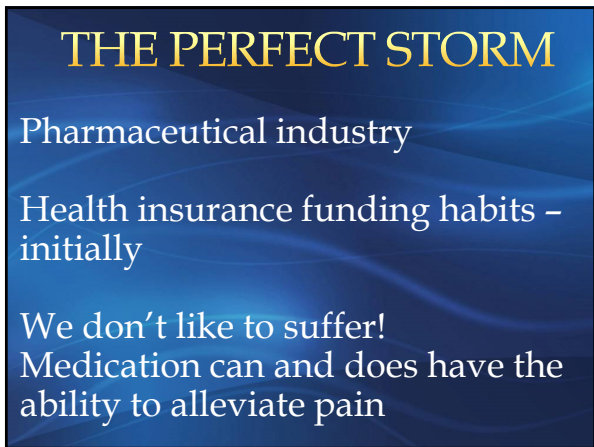
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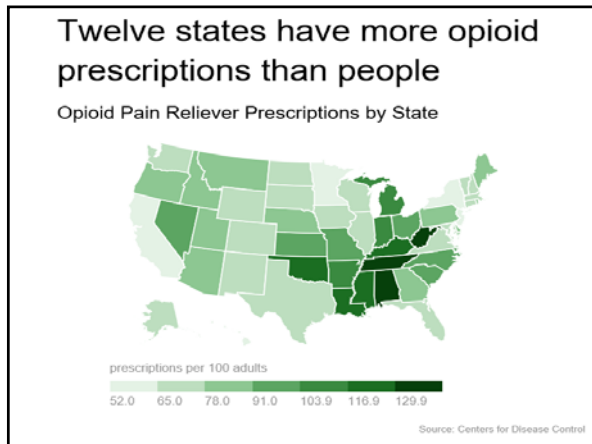
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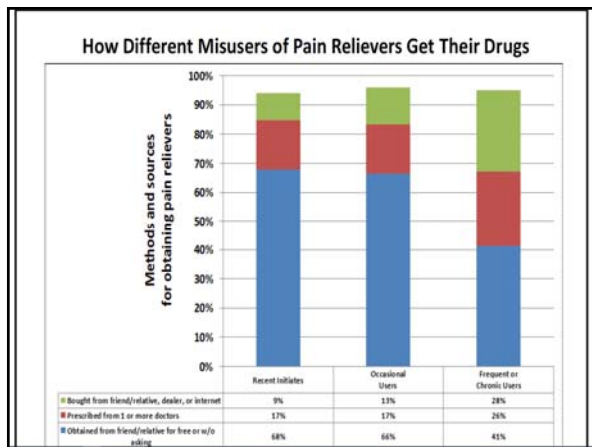
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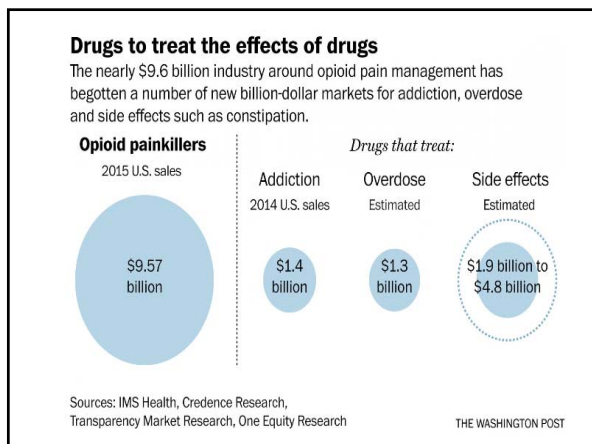
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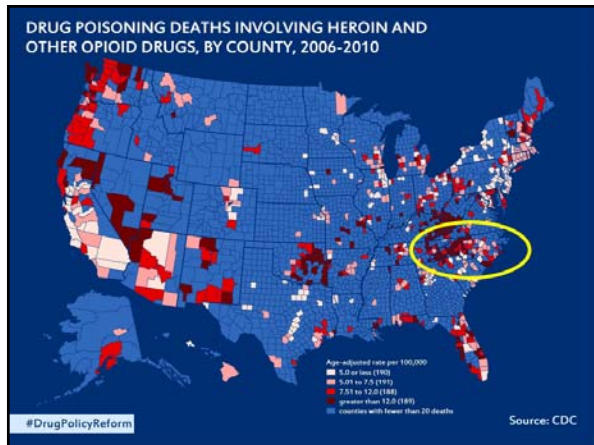
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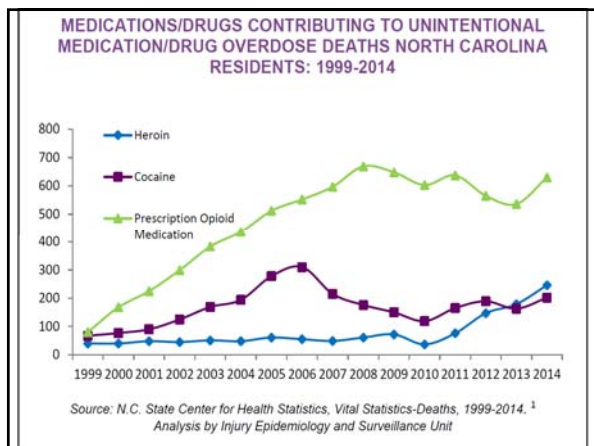
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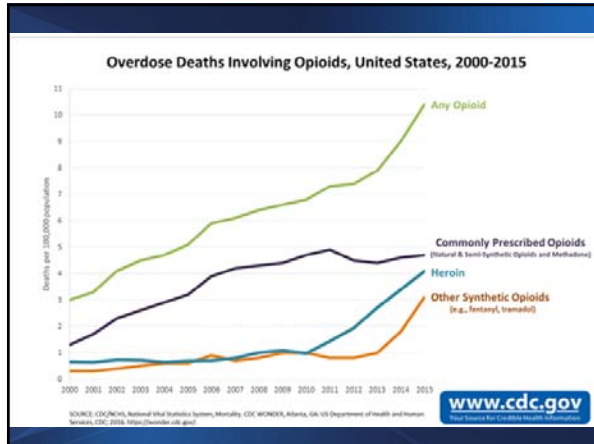
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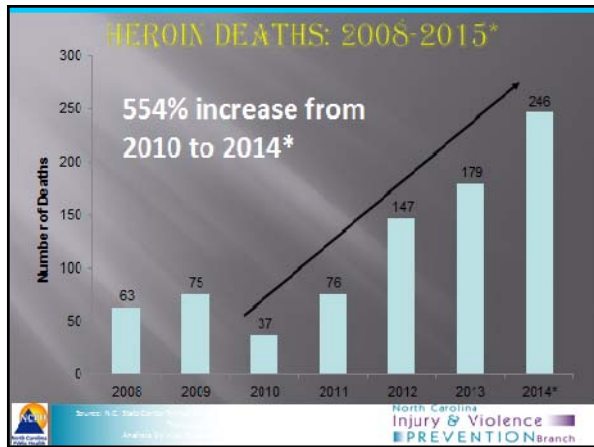
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# LEGISLATIVE RESPONSE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Good Samaritan Law / Naloxone Access - 2013  
Opioid-Reversal Drug Bill - 2016  
STOP Act - 2017

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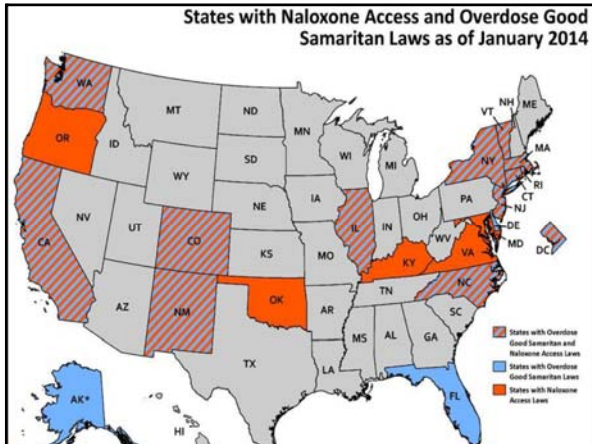
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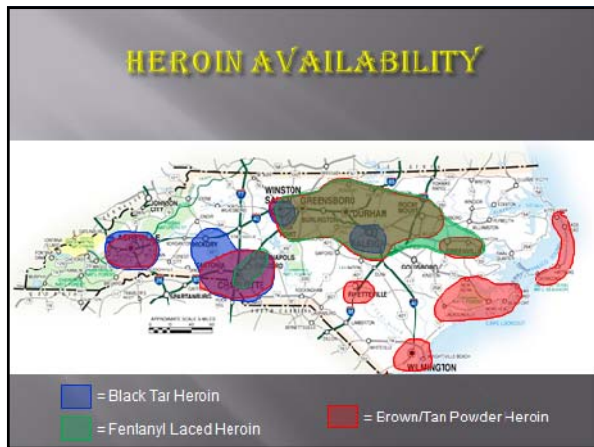
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# 2015 LANDMARK ABA STUDY

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**RESULTS:**

Of licensed, employed attorneys:

- 21% qualify as problem drinkers
- Second to alcohol dependence is dependence on prescription medications
  - \* 74% reported weekly use of stimulants
  - \* 51% reported weekly use of sedatives
  - \* 31% reported weekly use of marijuana
  - \* 22% reported weekly use of opioids

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**Heroin use is part of a larger substance abuse problem.**

Nearly all people who used heroin also used at least 1 other drug.

Most used at least **3** other drugs.

Heroin is a highly addictive opioid drug with a high risk of overdose and death for users.

**People who are addicted to...**

 ALCOHOL	 MARIJUANA	 COCAINE	 Rx OPIOID PAINKILLERS
are <b>2x</b>	are <b>3x</b>	are <b>15x</b>	are <b>40x</b>

**...more likely to be addicted to heroin.**

SOURCE: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2011-2013.

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**N.C. BAR LAWYER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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**PEOPLE WHO TAKE PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS CAN BECOME ADDICTED WITH JUST ONE PRESCRIPTION.**

SOURCE: CDC

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