A Primary Care Approach to Reduce Opiate Overdose Deaths

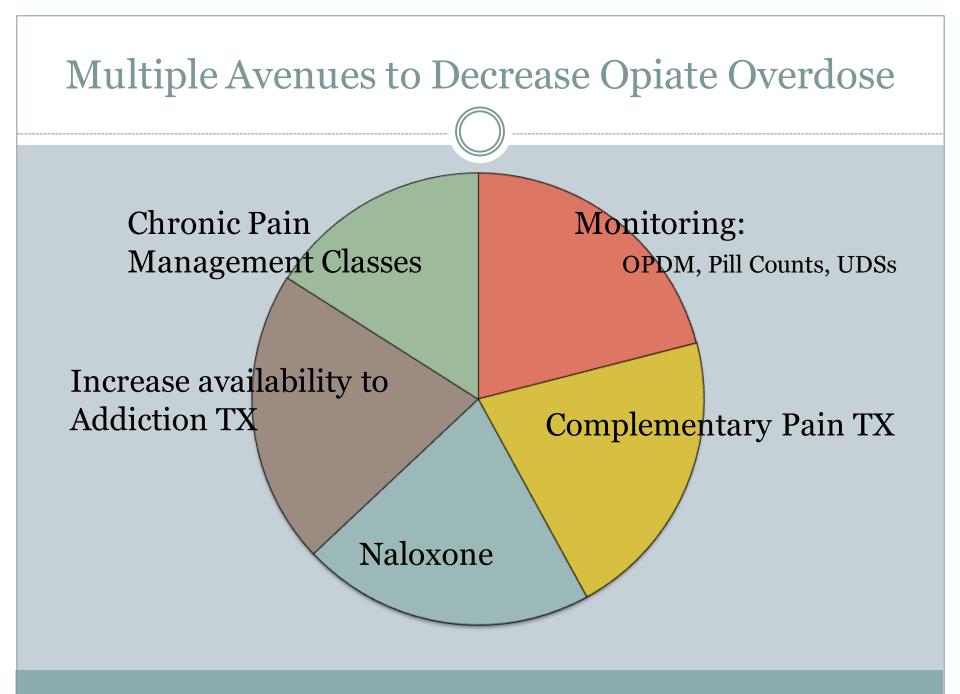
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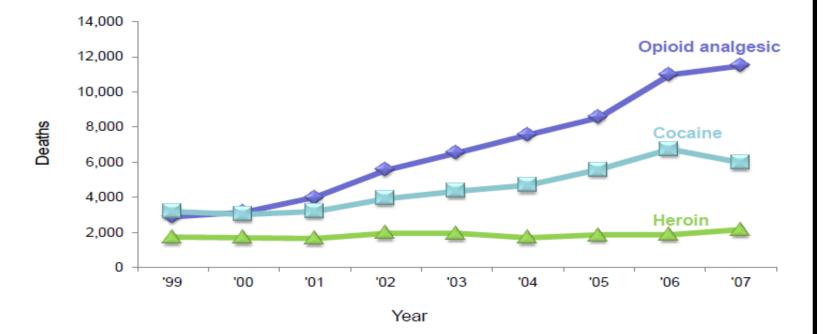
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#### "Comprehensive Opiate Safety Program"

### Jentify as High Risk Referral to COSP Class

Brief Video on Prevention and Intervention Bring companion Clinic Pharmacy

**Obtain naloxone** 

{?Alternate day}

#### Barriers & Lessons Learned

- "Safety Net" Concern
- Relapse trigger concern
- Patient burden (vs. provider burden)
- Necessity of including companion



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