





Opioid Use Disorder Diagnosis and High Dosage Opioid Use

An Analysis of the CT Adult Medicaid Population







Presentation Goals

- Use CT Specific data to better inform key stakeholders regarding the scope, nature, demographics, and costs of opioid use within the Adult Medicaid Population
- Leverage the data to assist in identifying practical interventions that Beacon can employ to improve care and reduce the burden of disease
- Promote dialogue and facilitate decision making regarding which interventions to pursue



Overview of Presentation

- The Opioid Crisis continues in CT as it has in the rest of the country
- The rate of Opioid related overdose deaths continues to rise and CT is on track for over 1,000 this year.
- Beacon has organized data regarding rates of Opioid
 Diagnoses and High Opioid
 Prescribing in the Adult
 - **Medicaid Population**



Three Sets of Data

- The rate of Opioid Use Disorder diagnoses in the Medicaid Population
- The rate of High Opioid Use in the Medicaid Population
- The rate of Opioid Use Disorder diagnoses in the population of High Opioid Users



Opioid Prescribing by State



SOURCE: IMS, National Prescription Audit (NPA™), 2012.

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High Dosage Opioid Prescribing in Ontario Province, CA

High-Dose Opioid Prescribing & Opioid Toxicity Events in Ontario

• 13.7% Decline in pioid use Following the 2010 introduction of Canadian clinical practice guidelines for use of opioids in chronic non-cancer pain

Despite the decreasing use of opioids...

Rates of opioid-related

hospital visits increased



The prevalence of **high-dose**

opioid prescribing more than doubled since 2003

since 2003 with no

impact seen from the Canadian clinical practice guidelines

Number of long-acting opioid users receiving more than 200 mg morphine equivalents (MEQ) by 2014

Further, almost **20%** of all long-acting opioid users received more than 400 mg MEQ



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For more information: www.odprn.ca Spooner L et al. High-dose opioid prescribing and opioid-related hospitalization: A population based study. PLOS ONE, 2016.

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Dashboard: Opioid Use Disorders in the Medicaid Population

Opioid-Related Dx (Y/N) Yes

Select Age Group

Adults

Population Profile Demographic Data

for Medicaid Members in CY 2015



Summary of Findings - 2015

32,533 or 6.2% of the Adult Medicaid Population (AMP) has an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)



Although the majority of the AMP is female (55.9%), the majority (61%) of those with an OUD are male.



White's constitute 52.3% of the AMP however they comprise 71% of those with an OUD

25 34 The largest age band in the AMP is 25-34 year olds (27.5%) but this age group is over-represented among those with OUD (35.7%)



Those with an OUD are 4 times as likely to be homeless than their undiagnosed peers (16% vs. 4%)

Summary of Findings – 2015 (continued)



The OUD population is almost 2.5 times as likely to have a comorbid medical diagnosis (52% vs. 22%) the most frequent being hypertension



The average total spend in Medicaid is more than 2.5 times as high for those with an OUD diagnosis compared to the AMP (\$17,500 vs. \$6,765)



The OUD population is 4 times as likely to have a BH ED visit (36% vs. 9%) and 8 times more likely to have had a BH IP Admission (27% vs. 3.3%)

General Conclusions



A significant number (32,533) of the AMP has received an OUD diagnosis



The cohort of those with an OUD diagnosis is primarily **WHITE**, **MALE**, and **25-34**



Those with an OUD diagnosis experience significant burden of DISEASE (COMORBIDITY) and SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE (HOMELESSNESS).

Dashboard: Opioid at High Dosage in Individuals Without Cancer



Use of Opioids at High Dosage in Persons Without Cancer





a Connecticut Medicaid member-level 12-month summary

The measurement period for this report was from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.



Total members with 2+ filled Opioid prescriptions

37,802





50% 50% were Females were Males VIED Range (mg)

Racial & Ethnic Groups



63.9%

of members had 180 or more consecutive medication days

75.7%

of members had an average MED dose between 120-319 mg



Members had an average of **1.5** prescribers per 90 days

The maximum average MED for a member was

2,069 mg

<u>About this dashboard:</u> This dashboard is a member-level dashboard which includes eligible Medicaid members 19 and older, without a diagnosis of cancer in the previous two years, who received a daily dosage of opioids greater than 120 mg morphine equivalent dose (MED) for 90 consecutive days or longer. The CMS measure is the first graph below. All others are further details about the cohort that was prescribed a high-dose of opioids based on the necessary criteria (see specifications page).

Aside from the graph directly below left, the denominator for ALL OTHER graphs is 2,912 (the high-dose cohort).

Use of Opioids at High Dosage members per 1,000







Number of Prescribers seen per member



Number of Members on High-Dose Opioids by number of consecutive medication days

A Beacon Health Options-CT Dashboard



Average MED Dose vs. Total Days on High-Dose Opioids (Medication Days) compared to number of prescribers per member // red indicates over 500mg MED



Summary of Findings - 2015



37,802 Members filled 2 or more opioid prescriptions and 2,912 met the criteria for HDO use



Unlike those with a OUD diagnosis, those on HDO are just as likely female as male (50%)



45

54

White's constitute an even higher percentage of those with HDO use than those with OUD (80% vs. 71%)

Unlike those with an OUD diagnosis, the modal age group for those with High Dosage Opioids (HDO) is 45-54.



Over 800 members with HDO use have more than 3 prescribers and most prescribers are medical vs. BH



Between 2015 and 2016, the rate per thousand of HDO use declined by 11%.

Dashboard: Population Profile – High Dosage Opioid Use and Opioid Use Disorder Diagnosis

Population Profile Demographic Data

Opioid-Related Dx (Y/N)

for Adult Medicaid Members with High Dosage Opioid Use in CY 2015



Summary of Findings - 2015



Of the 2,912 members that met the criteria for HDO use, the majority (2,051) did not have a OUD and a minority (861) did.



Unlike those with a OUD diagnosis, those on HDO are just as likely female as male (50%)



White's constitute an even higher percentage of those with HDO use than those with OUD (79% vs. 71%)



The rate of homelessness is significantly lower (high of 6.2%) among those with HDO use vs. those with a OUD Diagnosis (16%)



Individuals with both an OUD and HDO have significantly higher rates of co-occurring MH and SA than those with only HDO use (80.3% vs. 45.7%)



The total Medicaid annual spend for the group with both an OUD and HDO use was the highest at \$34,144 perhaps due to a high rate of medical comorbidity (76.5%).

Interventions: Current and Proposed

Interventions (Current & Proposed)

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Promotion
 - MAT Initiative
 - Project ECHO

- High Dosage Opioids Reduction
 - Prescriber Outreach



Interventions (Current & Proposed)

CURRENT INTERVENTIONS

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Promotion
 - Project ECHO
 - Buildout of BH Provider Network for MAT
 - Provision of Electronic Resources for MAT
 - High Cost High Need
 ICM/PEER
 - Follow-up after Hospitalization
- High Dosage Opioids
 - Production of Data Reports

PROPOSED INTERVENTIONS

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Promotion
 - Collaboration with CHN on MAT MAP
- High Dosage Opioids
 - Collaboration with CHN on Prescriber outreach and data methodology

Questions?



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