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Most Frequent Method of Obtaining a Pharmaceutical Controlled Substance for Non Medical Use

Friends and Family...For Free!!



Patients Often Prescribed Extra Painkillers, Many Share Them

2 New U.S. studies shed light on opioid epidemic

John Hopkins Study:

+60% had leftover opioids they hung on for “future use”

20% shared their medications

8% likely will share w/ friend

14% likely will share w/ relative

-10% securely lock their medication



University of Penn School of Dental Medicine

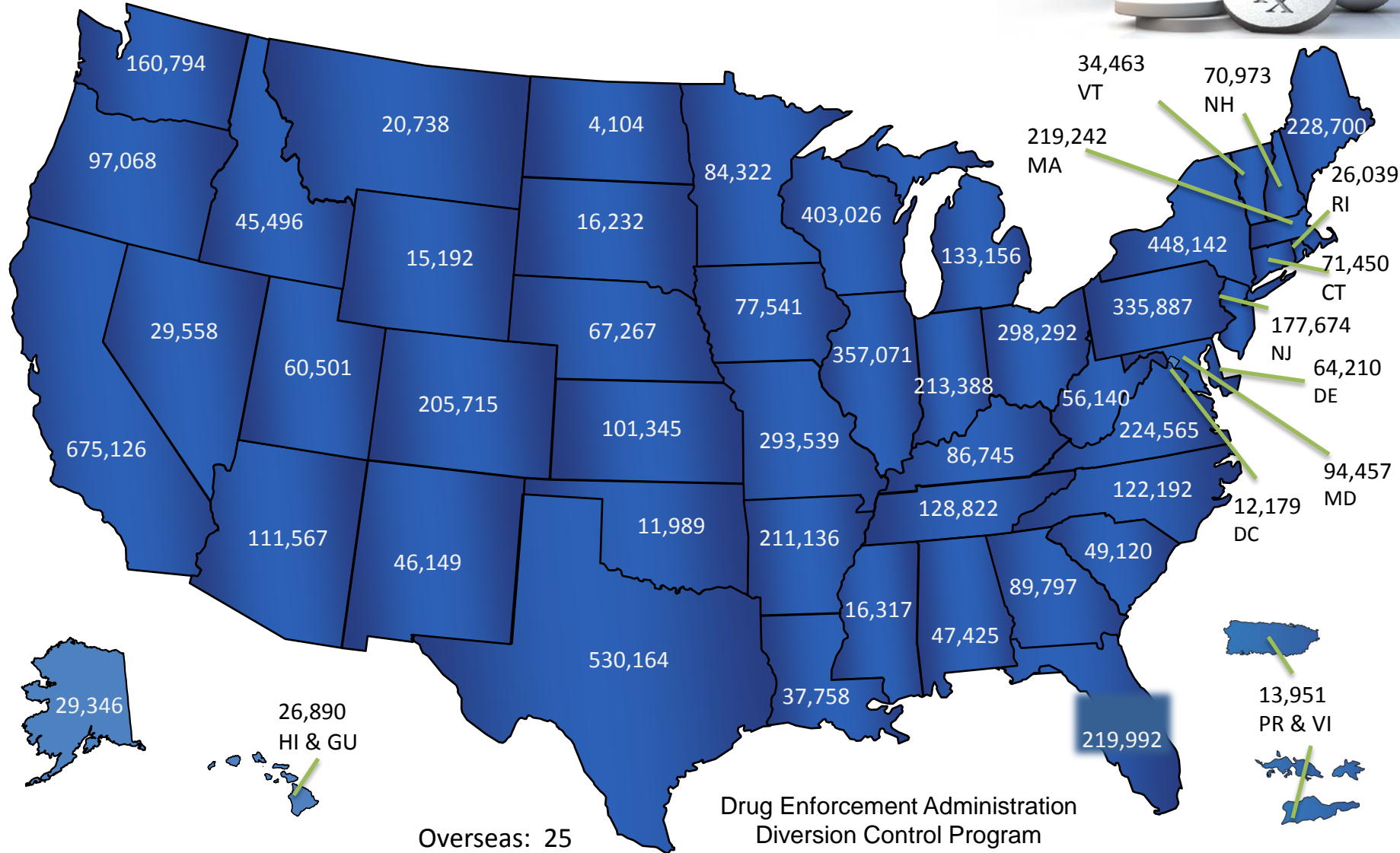
+50% of patients following surgical tooth extraction had unused narcotics left over

Estimated to general population - **100 million** prescribed opioid pills go unused.

https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_159336.html
www.uphs.upenn.edu/news/news_releases/2016/maughan

National Take Back I-XII Totals:

Total Weight Collected (pounds): 7,202,977 (3601 Tons)



National View

1,822	Collectors	1,810	Have receptacles
888	Non-Chain pharmacies	675	Have mail back programs
561	Chain Pharmacies	88	Service LTCFs
349	Hospital/clinics		
11	Reverse Distributors		
10	NTPs		
1	Distributor		



California Collectors

- 130 Total Authorized Collectors
 - 114 are pharmacies (58 chain and 56 non-chain)
 - 16 are hospital/clinics
 - 3 pharmacies service LTCFs

- 67 retail pharmacies say they have a receptacle and a mail back program

- 1 retail pharmacy has mail back only

Authorized Means of Collecting

- Law Enforcement
- Retail Pharmacies
- Hospitals/Clinics with an On-Site Pharmacy





Collection Receptacles

- Ultimate users *shall* put the substances directly into the collection receptacle.
- Controlled and non-controlled substances may be comingled.
- Collected substances shall not be counted, sorted, inventoried, or otherwise individually handled.
- Registrants **shall not dispose of stock or inventory** in collection receptacles.

21 CFR § 1317.75(b) and (c)



Collection Receptacle Location

- Registered location – immediate proximity of designated area where controlled substances are stored and at which an employee is present.
 - LTCF – located in secure area regularly monitored by LTCF employees.
 - Hospital/clinic – located in an area regularly monitored by employees---not in proximity of where emergency or urgent care is provided.
 - NTP – located in a room that does not contain any other controlled substances and is securely locked with controlled access.

21 CFR § 1317.75(d)



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