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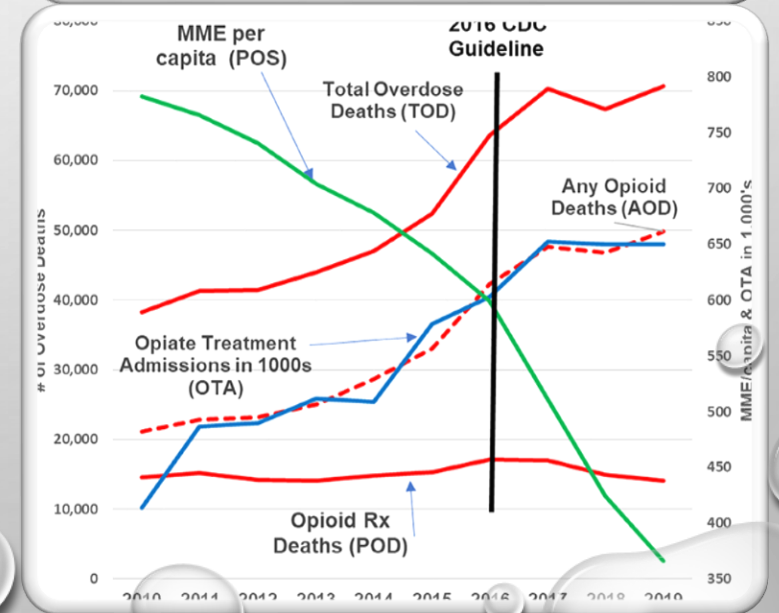
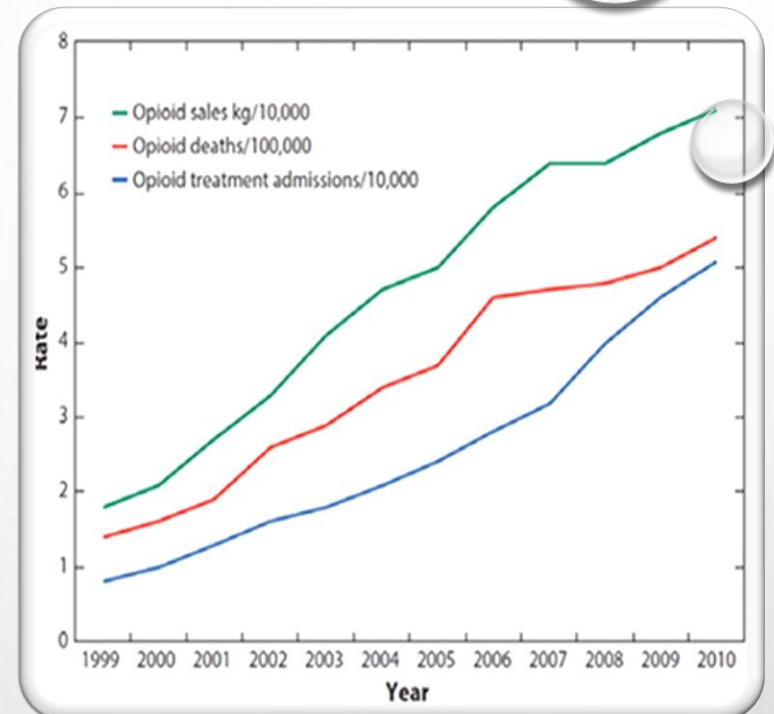
MARCH 6TH SESSION

PRESENTATION IN OPPOSITION TO THE
SB559



OPIOID CRISIS IN THE USA

- THE OPIOID CRISIS CONTINUES DESPITE THE ISSUANCE OF TREATMENT GUIDELINES AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS.
- ARE PRESCRIBED OPIOIDS THE REAL SOURCE OF OPIOID CRISIS? CONSIDER THE CHARTS ON THE RIGHT. WE OBSERVED A SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS, WHILE THE OVERDOSE DEATHS ARE ON A RISE.
- THE EFFORTS TO CURB OPIOID-CAUSED OVERDOSES WERE CLEARLY UNSUCCESSFUL. THE RELATED CHANGES IN PAIN MANAGEMENT CAUSED A SIGNIFICANT HARM TO PATIENTS, ESPECIALLY ONES DEALING WITH CHRONIC PAIN.
- BASED ON THE NEW DATA, CDC REVISED OPIOID PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND ISSUED UPDATED VERSION IN 2022.
- MANY STATES HAVE PASSED OR ARE INTRODUCING BILLS TO ASSIST PATIENTS WITH ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE PAIN MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS PROTECT THE PRESCRIBERS (AZ SB1162, RI S0384, WA HB1546, CO SB144 ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES)
- IS OREGON MOVING BACKWARDS???



PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

- PDMP IMPLEMENTED IN VIRTUALLY ALL USA STATES AS A TOOL TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING CONCERNING PRESCRIBING PRACTICES SUCH AS THE USE OF MULTIPLE PRESCRIBERS AND PHARMACIES (“DOCTOR SHOPPING”) AND PRESCRIBING POSSIBLY HARMFUL COMBINATION OF MEDICATIONS.
- SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OF EFFICACY MIXED
- DOES NOT DO A LOT TO ADDRESS OPIOID OVERDOSE
- IF NOT IMPLEMENTED PROPERLY (INTEGRATED INTO EHR) PRESENTS NUMEROUS CHALLENGES IN HEALTHCARE – ADDS TIME TO WORKLOAD (5 – 7 MINUTES), INTERRUPTS WORKFLOW

VETERINARY PRACTICE AND PDMP

- VETERINARY MEDICAL RECORDS SOFTWARE DOES NOT HAVE A GOOD WAY TO INTEGRATE PDMP
- VETERINARY PRACTICE IS ALREADY REGULATED, NO NEED TO ADD MORE REGULATIONS
- DE MINIMIS NON CURAT LEX – EFFECTS OF PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN VETERINARY PRACTICE HAS MINIMAL IMPACT ON DRUG CRISIS
- PATIENT PRIVACY CONCERNS, HIPAA VIOLATIONS
- POTENTIAL HARM TO BOTH OWNERS AND ANIMALS DUE TO PRESCRIPTION REPORTING

THIS IS OUR LITTLE FOSTER CAT MATILDA, WHO WAS BORN WITH SEVERE HIND LEGS DEFORMITY, SO BOTHERSOME THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO USE A LITTER BOX. SHE WAS ALMOST EUTHANIZED.

AFTER TWO SURGERIES AT OSU (STRAIGHTENING THE BONES, REPOINTING PATELLAE), SHE IS ALIVE AND DOING GREAT. HER ZEST FOR LIFE IS AMAZING, HER BRAVERY INSPIRING AND SHE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE BOTHERED BY ALL THE HARDWARE IN HER LEGS. SHE WAS GIVEN BUPRENORPHINE FOR PAIN IN ADEQUATE DOSAGE.

IF THIS BILL PASSES, DO YOU THINK PETS LIKE MATILDA WILL BE GIVEN A TREATMENT SHE HAD? OR WILL THEY BE UNDERTREATED LIKE THEIR OWNERS ARE?

