

Opioid Use Disorders and Pregnancy



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OBJECTIVES

- Definitions
- Epidemiology
- Pharmacology
- Effects on pregnancy
- Screening
- Treatment



CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WITH OUD

Opioid Use in Pregnancy, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, and Childhood Outcomes

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COMMITTEE OPINION

DEFINITIONS

- **Use** – Sporadic consumption without adverse consequences
- **Abuse** – Consumption with some adverse consequences
- **Physical Dependence** – State of adaptation manifested by a class-specific withdrawal syndrome produced by abrupt cessation or rapid dose reduction of the substance, or by administration of an antagonist
- **Psychological Dependence** – Subjective sense of a need for a specific psychoactive substance, either for its positive effects or to avoid negative effects associated with its abstinence



ASAM American Society of
Addiction Medicine

DEFINITIONS

- **Addiction** – A primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory, and related circuitry.
- **Opioid use disorder** is a pattern of opioid use characterized by tolerance, craving, inability to control use and continued use despite adverse consequences
- **Neonatal abstinence syndrome** – group of problems seen in neonates after prenatal drug exposure characterized by hyperactivity of central and autonomic nervous system



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BABIES CANNOT HAVE AN ADDICTION



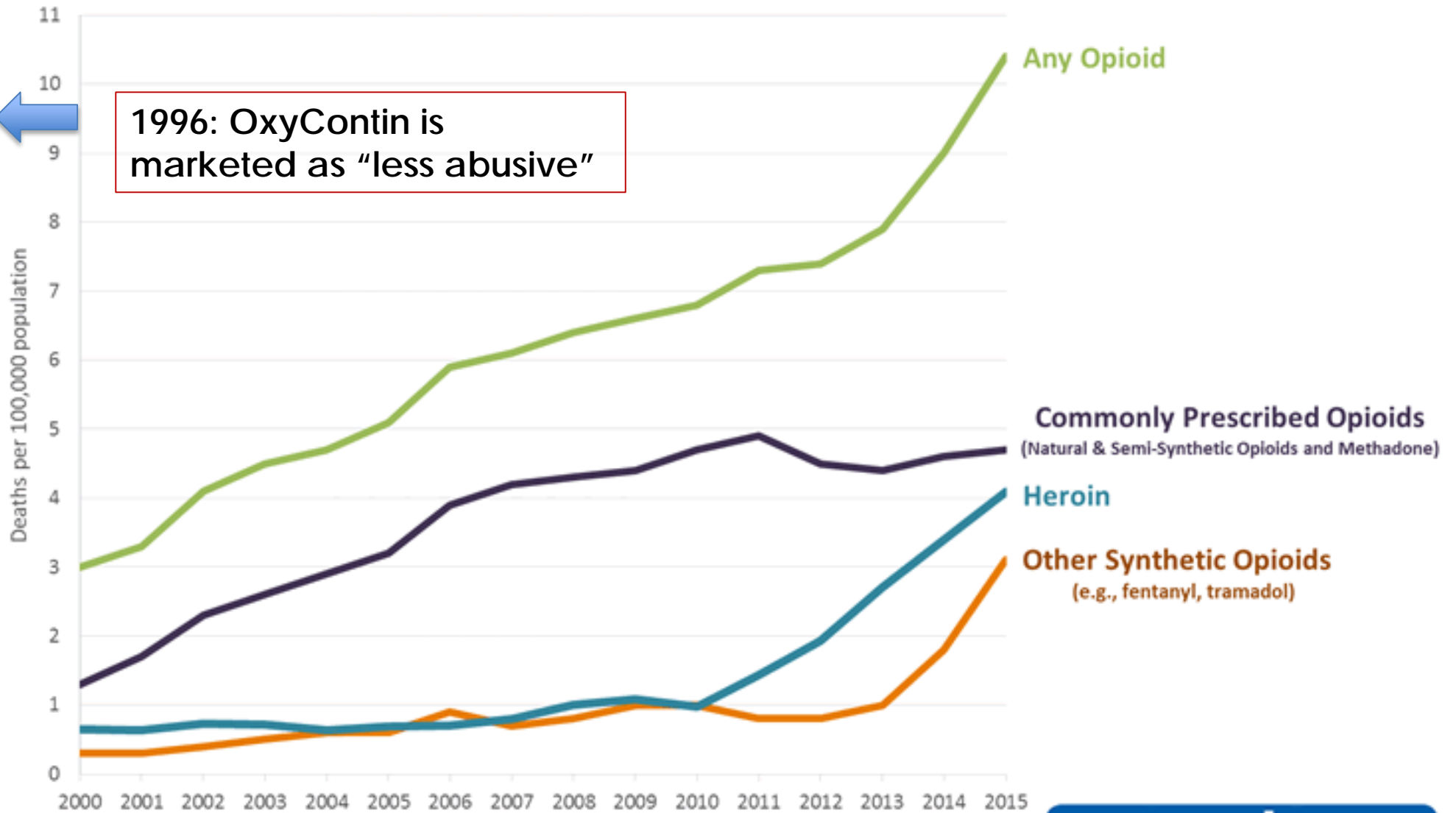
**ADDICTED
BABIES**

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DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS

Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids, United States, 2000-2015



1996: OxyContin is marketed as "less abusive"

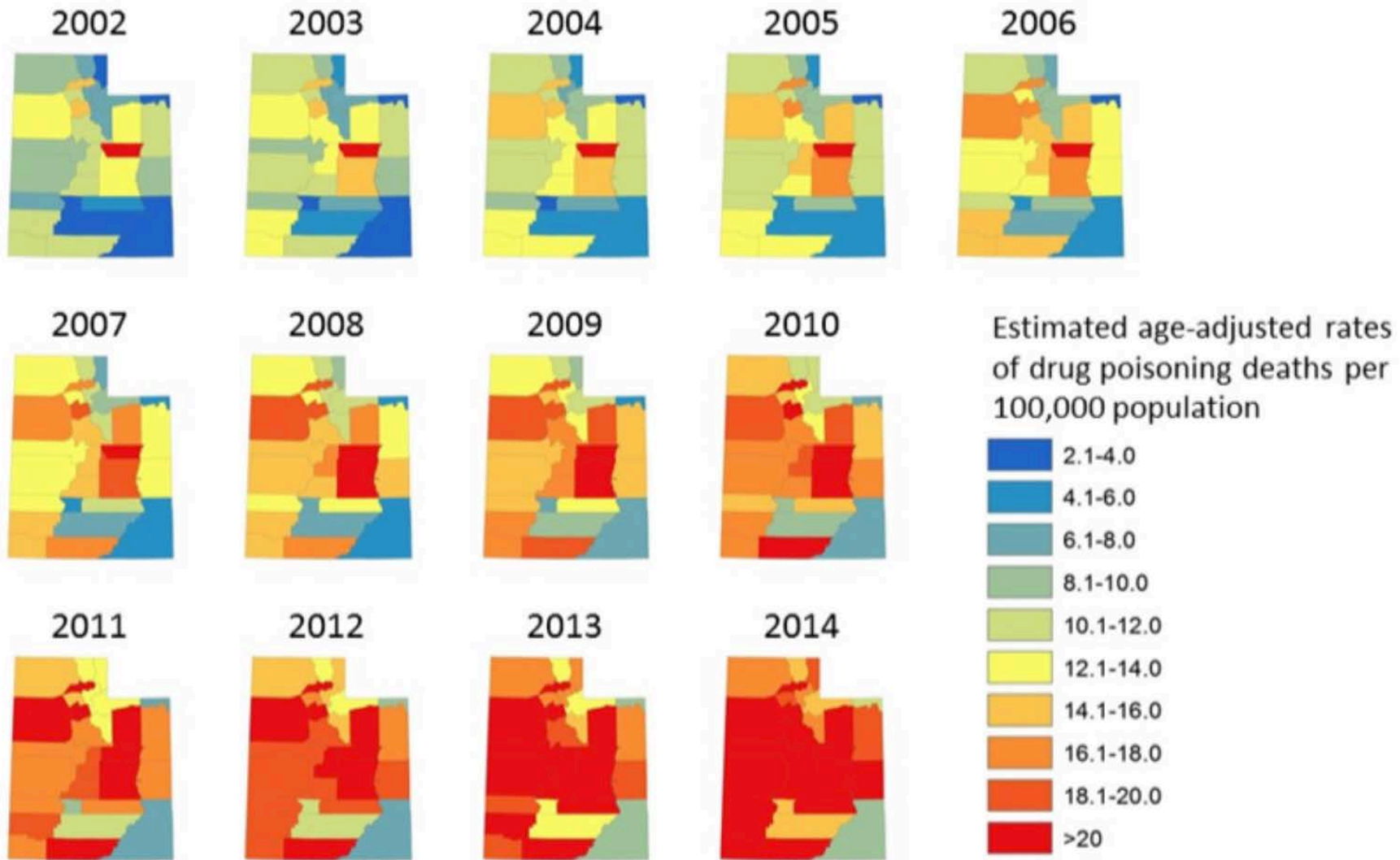
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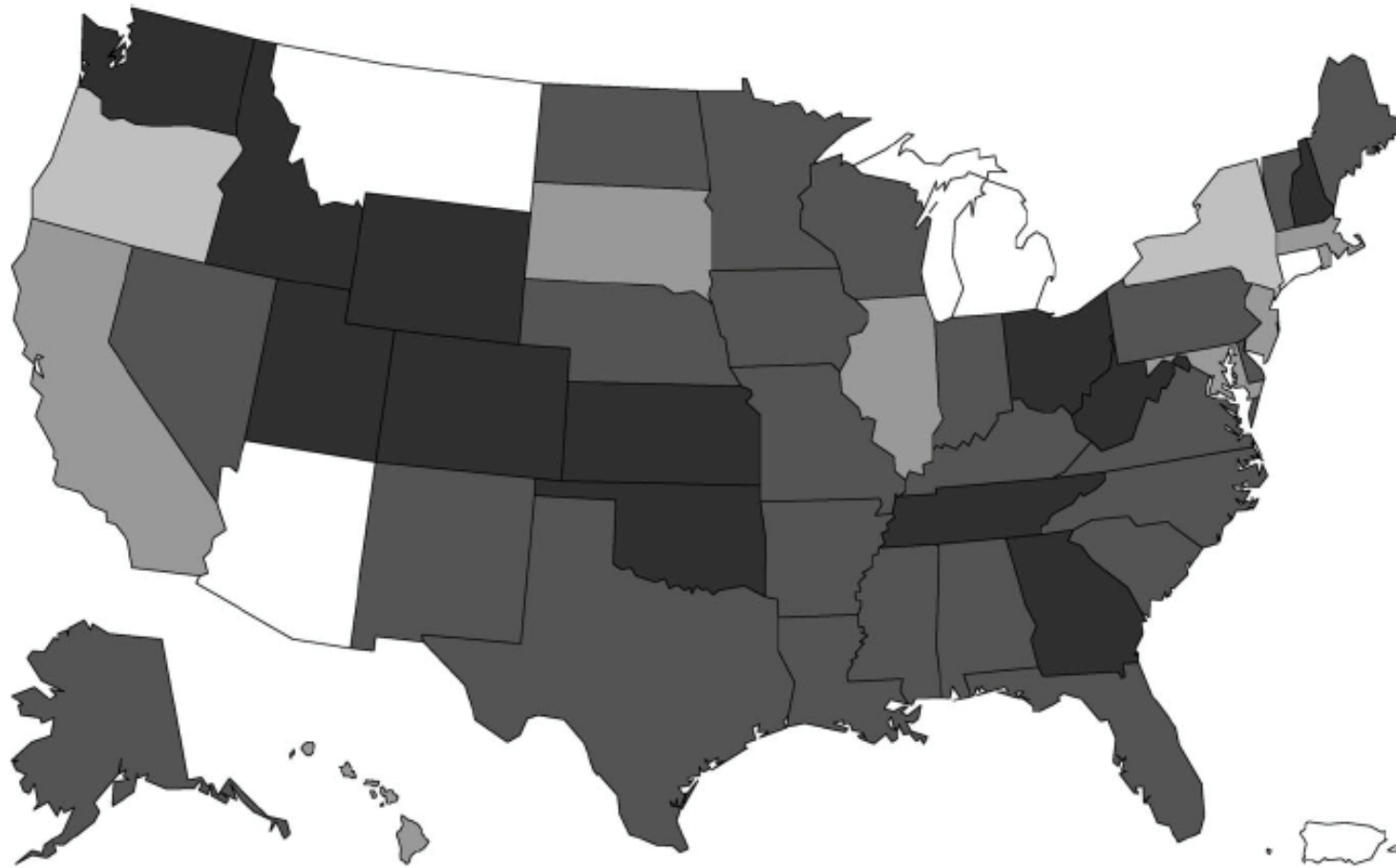
JCAHO pain as 5th vital sign

OxyContin formulation changed

UTAH DRUG RELATED DEATHS



PREGNANCY AND OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS



National 22%

Utah 42%

Idaho 36%

New Hampshire 34%

Wyoming 34%

Tennessee 34%

Fig. 1. Regional variation in the rates of prescription opioid dispensing during pregnancy, Medicaid 2000–2007. Arizona, Michigan, Montana, Connecticut, and Puerto Rico (*white*) are not represented in the cohort because of incomplete claims information.

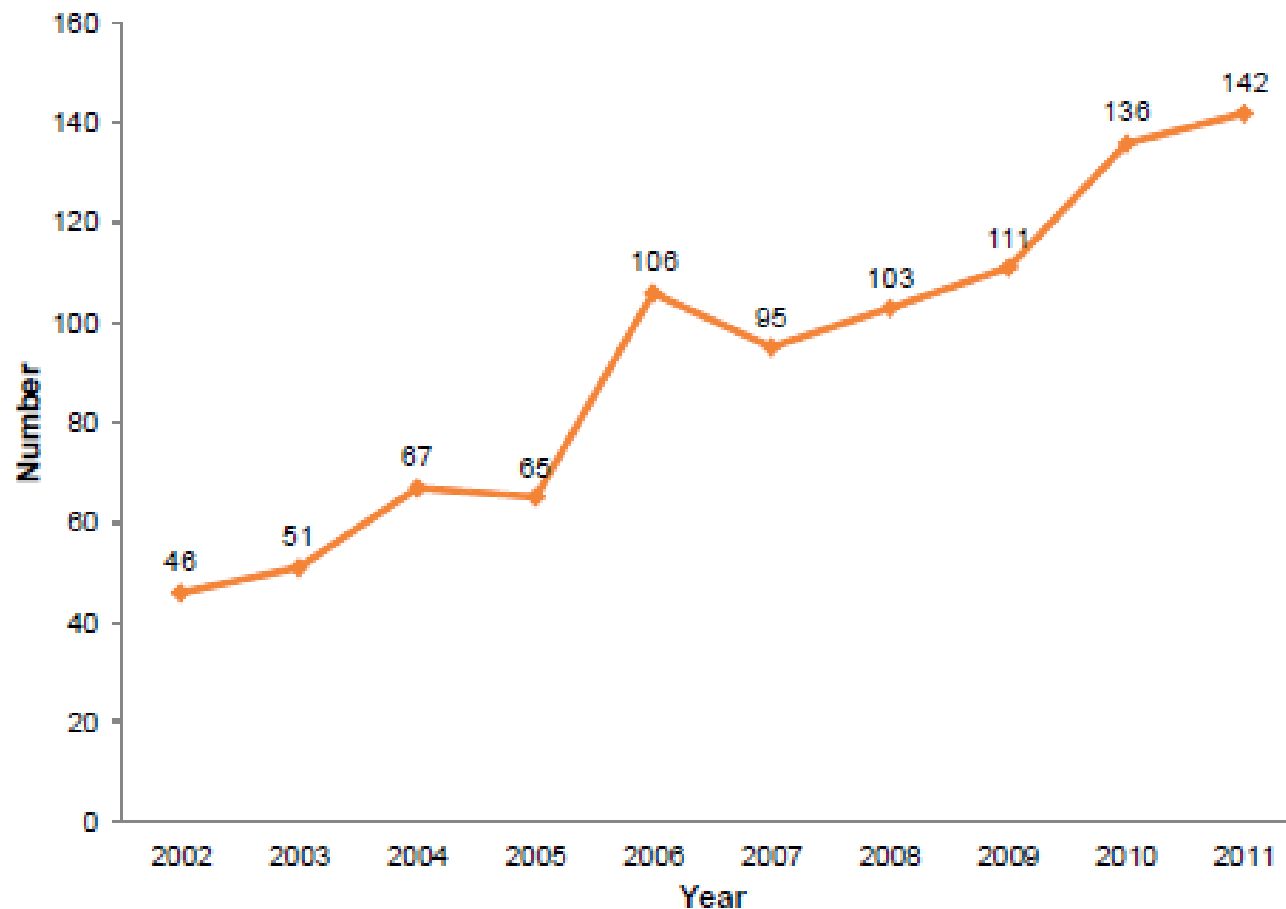
Desai. Prescription Opioid Use Trend in Pregnancy. Obstet Gynecol 2014.

Rate of opioid use < 10% 10-20% 20-30% > 30%

PREGNANCY AND DRUG DEPENDENCE

Complicated Pregnancies or Births due to a Mother's Drug Dependence

Figure 1. Number of hospital discharges as a result of complicated pregnancies or births due to a mother's drug dependence, Utah, 2002-2011

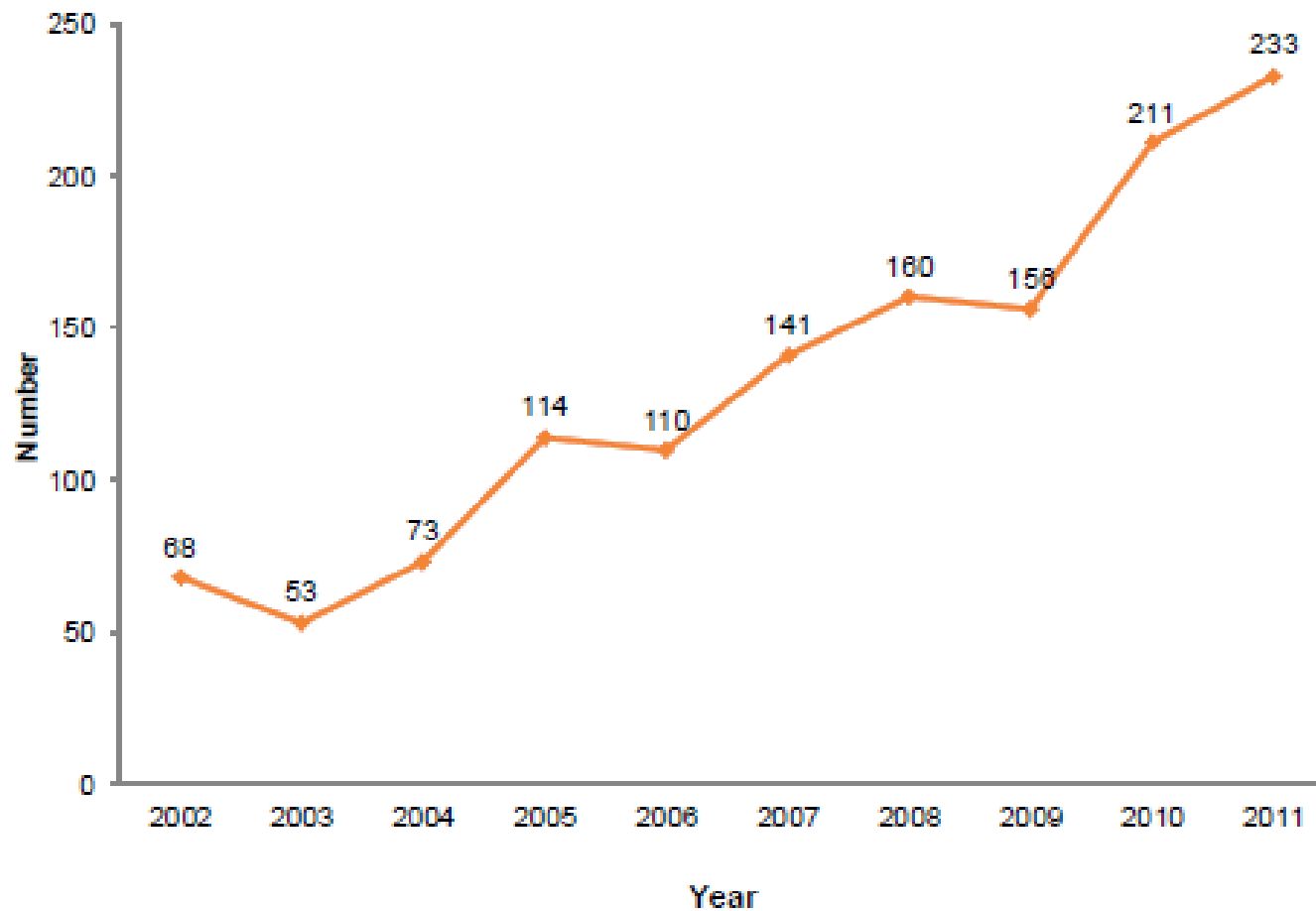


Source: Utah Hospital Discharge Data

NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME IN UTAH

Newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Figure 2. Number of newborns (birth to 28 days) with NAS, Utah, 2002–2011

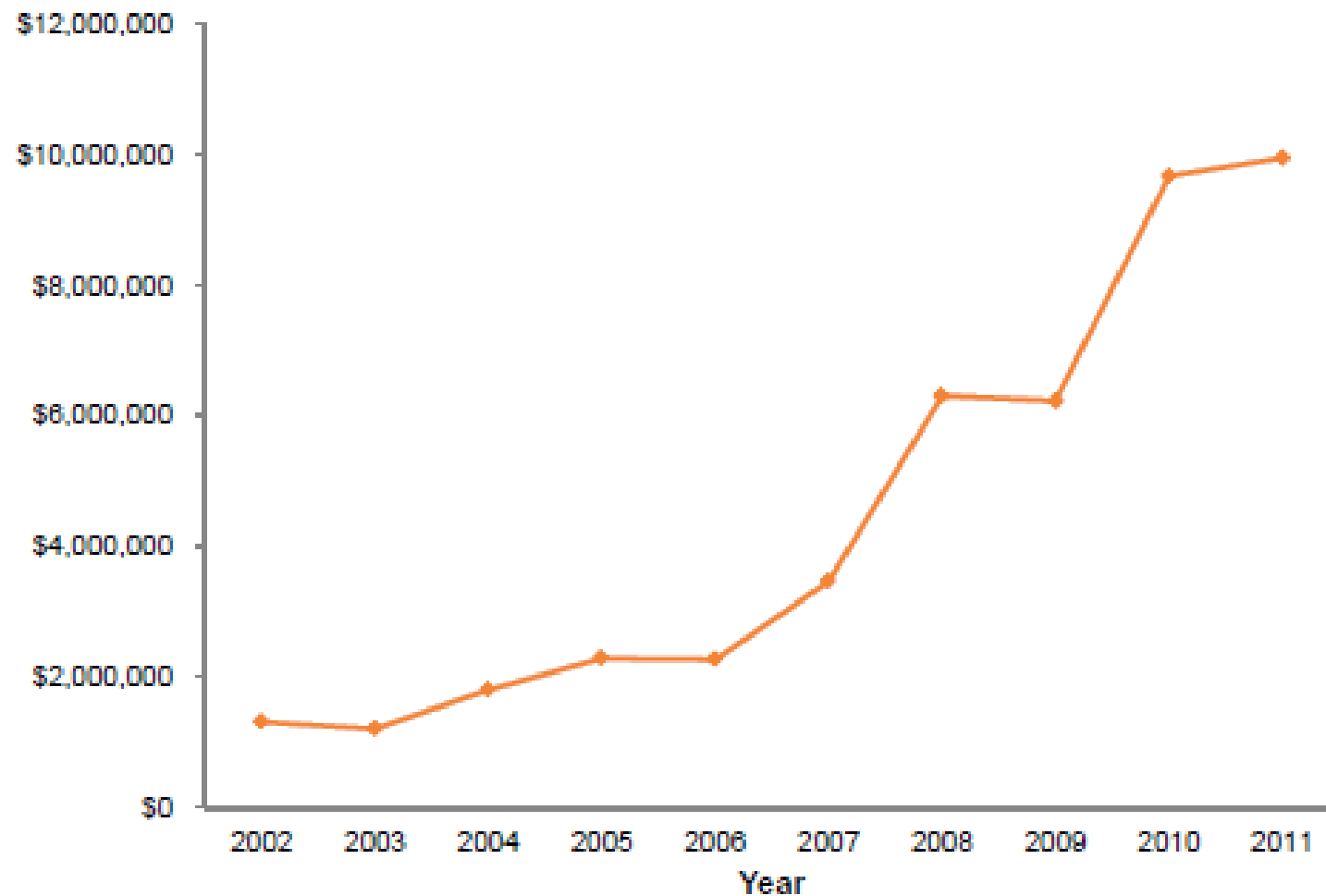


Source: Utah Hospital Discharge Data

NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME IN UTAH

Charges for Newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Figure 3. Charges for newborns (birth to 28 days) with NAS, Utah, 2002–2011



Source: Utah Hospital Discharge Data

PREGNANCY AND OUD IN UTAH

- 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: 4.4% of pregnant women reported illicit drug use in last 4 days
- Utah: 5% of neonates are positive for drugs, most are opioids
- **One cause of maternal mortality in Utah is drug – related**



EFFECTS ON PREGNANCY

- **Birth defects**
 - Heart defects
 - Spina bifida
 - Gastroschisis
- **Intrauterine growth restriction**
- **Abruption**
- **Preterm delivery**
- **Sexually transmitted infections**
- **Stillbirth**
 - Fluctuating opioid concentrations in maternal blood may lead to fetal withdrawal or death
 - Narcotic withdrawal in pregnancy: Stillbirth incidence with a case report
 - Jose Luis Rementeria, MD
 - Am J Ob Gyn, 1973



SBIRT – SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, REFERRAL TO TREATMENT

- **EVERY** pregnant woman prenatally and throughout pregnancy
- **Utah HB 175** – REQUIRED training of physicians within nine years

SBIRT: Core Clinical Components

- **Screening:** Very brief screening that identifies substance related problems
- **Brief Intervention:** Raises awareness of risks and motivates patients to acknowledge & address problem. 1- 2 sessions of 5-8 minutes.
- **Brief Treatment:** Cognitive Behavioral Therapy/MET with patients with higher risk or early dependence. 2-6 sessions of 30 minutes.
- **Referral:** Referral of those with more serious addictions to specialized treatment services.



SCREENING IN PREGNANCY

- 4 Ps
- NIDA Quick Screen
- CRAFFT

4 P's for Substance Abuse

1. Have you ever used drugs or alcohol during **P**regnancy?
2. Have you had a problem with drugs or alcohol in the **P**ast?
3. Does your **P**artner have a problem with drugs or alcohol?
4. Do you consider one of your **P**arents to be an addict or alcoholic?

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NIDA Quick Screen Question:

In the past year, how often have you used the following?

	Never	Once or Twice	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or Almost Daily
Alcohol					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For men, 5 or more drinks a day • For women, 4 or more drinks a day 					
Tobacco Products					
Prescription Drugs for Non-Medical Reasons					
Illegal Drugs					

TABLE 5 The CRAFFT questions

Two or more "Yes" answers suggest high risk of a serious substance-use problem or a substance-use disorder.

- C** Have you ever ridden in a **Car** driven by someone who was high or had been using drugs or alcohol?
- R** Do you ever use alcohol or drugs to **Relax**, feel better about yourself, or fit in?
- A** Do you ever use drugs or alcohol when you are **Alone**?
- F** Do you **Forget** things you did while using drugs or alcohol?
- F** Do your family and **Friends** ever tell you that you should cut down your drinking or drug use?
- T** Have you ever gotten into **Trouble** while using drugs or alcohol?

Abbreviation: CRAFFT, Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Friends, Trouble.
Knight JR, et al.²³

OUD TREATMENT IN PREGNANCY

- Standard of care is **opioid substitution** therapy with behavioral therapy
- Methadone or buprenorphine
 - Prevent complications of illicit opioid use and narcotic withdrawal
 - Encourage prenatal care
 - Reduce criminal activity
 - Harm reduction



OUD TREATMENT IN PREGNANCY

- Detoxification is controversial and NOT well studied

TABLE 1
Demographics, gestational age at the time of detoxification, neonatal intensive care unit admission, and pregnancy outcome of the opiate detox study population

Demographics	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Total
Number	108	23	77	93	301
Mean maternal age, y	26.9 ± 3.7	26.4 ± 3.5	26.6 ± 3.6	27.2 ± 3.9	26.8 ± 3.7
Maternal age range, y	18–43	17–38	18–39	17–39	17–43
Maternal age <30 y	82 (76%)	18 (78%)	55 (71%)	67 (72%)	222 (74%)
Multiparity	94 (87%)	14 (61%)	54 (70%)	73 (78%)	235 (78%)
White	85 (79%) ^a	22 (96%)	74 (96%)	84 (90%) ^a	265 (88%)
African-American	22 (20%)	1 (4%)	3 (4%)	8 (9%)	34 (11%)
Gestational age at detoxification and NICU admission					
Detoxification first trimester, 5–13 wks gestation	10 (9%)	4 (17%)	12 (15%)	2 (2%)	28 (9%)
Detoxification second trimester, 14–27 wks gestation	65 (60%)	10 (43%)	36 (47%)	37 (40%)	148 (49%)
Detoxification third trimester, ≥28 wks gestation	33 (31%)	9 (39%)	29 (38%)	54 (58%)	125 (42%)
Preterm deliveries prior to 37 wks gestation	21 (19%)	3 (13%)	13 (17%)	16 (17%)	53 (17.6%)
Neonatal intensive care unit admission	32 (30%)	5 (22%)	60 (78%)	22 (24%)	119 (40%)
Pregnancy outcome					
Rate of NAS	20 (18.5%)	4 (17.4%)	54 (70.1%)	16 (17.2%)	94 (31%)
Rate of relapse ^b	25 (23.1%)	4 (17.4%)	57 (74.0%)	21 (22.5%)	107 (36%)

ADDICTION AS CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITION

– Similar to diabetes management



METHADONE VERSUS BUPRENORPHINE

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome after Methadone or Buprenorphine Exposure

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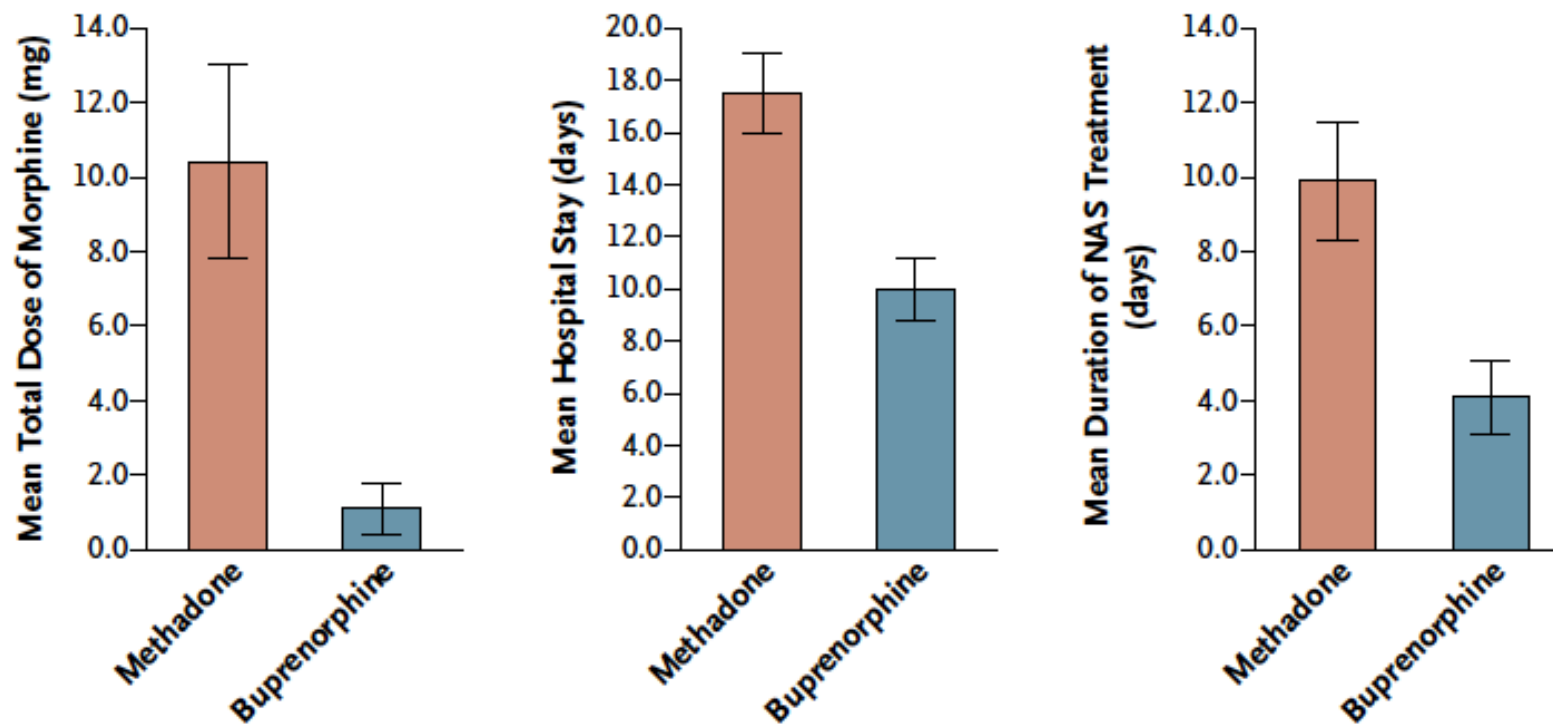


Figure 2. Mean Neonatal Morphine Dose, Length of Neonatal Hospital Stay, and Duration of Treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS)

Drug	Onset, hours	Incidence	Duration, days
Heroin	24-48	40-80%	8-10
Methadone	48-72	13-94%	Up to 30 or more
Buprenorphine	36-60	22-67%	Up to 28 or more
Prescription opioids	36-72	5-20%	10-30

Adapted from Kocherlakota, P *Pediatrics* 2014; 134(2):e547-561.

Buprenorphine and Naloxone Compared With Methadone Treatment in Pregnancy

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Table 2. Neonatal Outcomes


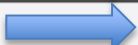
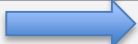




Variable	Methadone (n=31)	Buprenorphine and Naloxone (n=31)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)*
Primary outcomes			
Treated for NAS	16 (51.6)	8 (25.1)	2.55 (1.31–4.98)
Morphine used (mg)	5.0±3.3 [‡]	3.4±1.2	
Duration of NAS treatment (d)	11.4±3.4 [§]	10.6±3.1	
Peak NAS score	10.7±3.7	9.0±4.4	
Secondary outcomes			
Head circumference (cm)	32.9±2.5	34.4±1.4	
Birth weight (gm)	2,885.9±691.2	3,174.6±532.8	
Length (cm)	47.9±4.0	50.1±2.5 [†]	
Preterm	5 (16.1)	1 (3.2)	5.00 (0.62–40.36) [#]
NICU admission	11 (35.5)	6 (19.4)	1.06 (0.75–1.50)
Length of hospitalization (d)**	9.8±7.4	5.6±5.0	
Apgar score			
1 min	8 (3–9)	8 (2–9)	
5 min	9 (7–10)	9 (7–9)	

POLYPHARMACY AND NAS

Risk of neonatal drug withdrawal after intrauterine co-exposure to opioids and psychotropic medications: cohort study

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Table 2 | Absolute risk of neonatal drug withdrawal (neonatal abstinence syndrome) after intrauterine exposure to both opioids and psychotropic medications versus opioids alone. Medicaid Analytic eXtract, 2000-10

	Opioids + psychotropic medications		Opioids alone	
	Cases/total	Risk (/100) (95% CI)	Cases/total	Risk (/100) (95% CI)
Antidepressants	495/14 183 	3.49 (3.19 to 3.79)	1743/173 841	1.00 (0.96 to 1.05)
Antipsychotics	67/993 	6.75 (5.19 to 8.31)	2481/199 151	1.25 (1.20 to 1.29)
Benzodiazepines	413/5361 	7.70 (6.99 to 8.42)	1989/191 863	1.04 (0.99 to 1.08)
Gabapentin	57/501 	11.38 (8.60 to 14.16)	2509/200 204	1.25 (1.20 to 1.30)
Z drugs	229/10 105 	2.27 (1.98 to 2.56)	2286/188 216	1.21 (1.17 to 1.26)
1 psychotropic*	612/16 524 	3.70 (3.42 to 4.00)	1423/168 086	0.85 (0.80 to 0.89)
≥2 psychotropics*	172/1737 	9.90 (8.56 to 11.37)	1423/168 086	0.85 (0.80 to 0.89)

*Antidepressants, benzodiazepines, gabapentin.

INTRAPARTUM MANAGEMENT

- Treat women with OUD in labor on **just like others**
 - Continue ethadone or buprenorphine
- **Avoid opioid antagonists** (butorphanol, nalbuphine, pentazocine) which can precipitate withdrawal
- Pediatric staff should be available
- **Awareness**
 - **More analgesia** during labor than non opioid-dependent patients
 - Neuraxial anesthesia is appropriate as needed



POSTPARTUM MANAGEMENT

- Increased pain
 - **increased opioid treatment** whether on methadone or buprenorphine
- **Breastfeeding** can be encouraged with methadone or buprenorphine
 - NOT if continuing to use heroin or HIV
 - Hepatitis B and C NOT a contraindication
- **Contraception**
- **Naloxone counseling**
- **Drug treatment**



UTAH LAWS

As Of September 1, 2017

State Laws And Policies



Substance Use During Pregnancy

State Policies On Substance Use During Pregnancy

STATE	SUBSTANCE USE DURING PREGNANCY CONSIDERED:		WHEN DRUG USE SUSPECTED, STATE REQUIRES:		DRUG TREATMENT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN		
	Child Abuse	Grounds For Civil Commitment	Reporting	Testing	Targeted Program Created	Pregnant Women Given Priority Access In General Programs	Pregnant Women Protected From Discrimination In Publicly Funded Programs
Utah	X		X			X	

[Utah Code](#) > [Title 76](#) > [Chapter 5](#) > [Part 1](#) > [§ 76-5-112.5](#)

Utah Code 76-5-112.5. Endangerment of a child or vulnerable adult

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NALOXONE



SUPERAD CLINIC – (SUBSTANCE USE IN PREGNANCY RECOVERY, ADDICTION AND DEPENDENCE)

- South Jordan Health Center
- Monday afternoons
- Appointments (801) 581-8425



QUESTIONS



Well I might just have
opinions...lots of opinions.

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