



OHIO AUTOMATED
RX REPORTING SYSTEM

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Ohio Pre-Criminal Intervention Program

Background

- OARRS is located in the Board of Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy is uniquely positioned in both healthcare and law enforcement
- According to experts, there are several benefits to getting a patient into treatment before transition to heroin
 - Patient is more receptive to treatment
 - Better chance of success
 - Less expensive
- If a patient is actively doctor shopping, they likely haven't transitioned to heroin



The Plan

- Start in one county (Franklin). Prove the concept before moving on to others.
- Obtain agreement with local prosecutor
- Obtain agreement with local treatment provider
- Get list of local doctor shoppers



The Plan

- Intervention agent and local law enforcement officer visit patient – offer treatment
- Transport patient to local treatment provider
- After training with intervention agent, local law enforcement takes over program for their county



Still in Early Stages

- Three interventions, so far
 - Two went as planned; patients accepted treatment offer and were transported directly to the treatment provider
 - One had young children at home and could not leave them to go to treatment provider. However, an appointment was made for the following day, which was kept



Challenges

- Each county's prosecutor wants to negotiate a different agreement
 - Time
 - Legal resources
- Finding a trusted local treatment provider with capacity may be a challenge in some areas
- Local law enforcement buy-in has been slow



Challenges

- Not all “doctor shoppers” are created equal
 - Legitimate use of multiple prescribers and pharmacies
 - “Deception to obtain” threshold not met
 - Overlapping prescriptions of same type
 - Patient misleading prescribers
 - Typically small amounts
 - Many of Ohio’s overdose decedents showed no sign of doctor shopping



Possible Mitigations

- Use Overdose Risk Score in conjunction with Doctor Shopping criteria
 - Additional Challenge: Overdose risk score frequently detects switch to heroin
- Future collection of non-fatal overdose information
- Work with other agencies who may have different leverage with patients (e.g. child protection agencies, Medicaid Fraud)

