

Virginia's PMP Joins the Discussion at the National RX Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit



“State prescription drug monitoring programs are essential tools in responding to Rx drug abuse. A wide variety of stakeholders use this data to reduce misuse, abuse and diversion of Rx drugs, reduce Rx drug overdoses, and improve patient care.”

At the 2016 Summit, President Obama turns his focus to the prescription drug and heroin abuse epidemic.

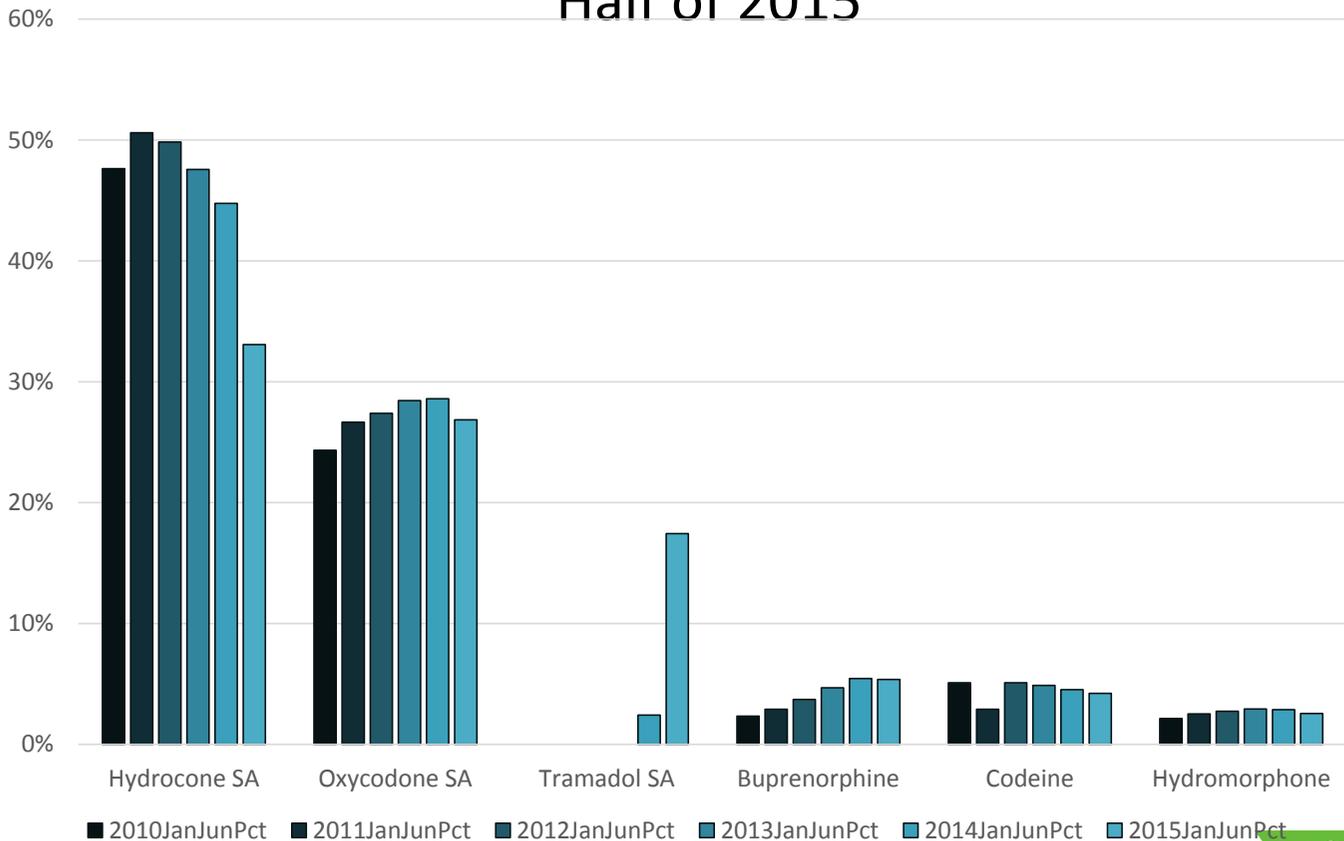
With the 2016 [National RX Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit](#) now concluded, President Obama stressed that state-run Prescription Monitoring Programs (PMPs) will play a major role in the fight against prescription drugs and heroin abuse nationwide.

Featuring more than 1,900 attendees representing 49 states, the Summit's proposed [PMP Track](#) features innovations based on national reviews of PMP programs, as well as the experiences of individual state PMP operators. Highlights from the discussion included: features to include in a PMP program; optimizing prescriber utilization of PMP data; partnerships to disseminate data widely; and recommendations for using PMP data to achieve a variety of goals, such as reducing morbidity, mapping areas with low or no treatment options, and identifying risky behaviors in patients, prescribers and pharmacists.

Virginia's PMP at the 2016 Summit

One of the first and most successful programs in the country, Virginia's PMP is a leader in its field, and had a voice at the 2016 Summit with program director Ralph Orr offering his insight and experience on developments in Virginia. The images below depict the most commonly prescribed opioids for the first half of 2015, and the rising number of submissions to the state's Department of Forensic Science, two stats that underlie the epidemic of opioid and heroin abuse in the Commonwealth.

Opioids Prescribed in Virginia Six Drugs Represent 90% of Opioid Prescriptions in First Half of 2015



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