Charter for Prescription Opiate Morbidity and Mortality Prevention Workgroup

Mission

To foster collaborative prevention of unintentional prescription-type opiate morbidity and mortality in Washington State.

Scope

1. Share data and knowledge among workgroup members and the public to promote better understanding of the full breadth of the problem.
2. Develop methods to collect data, establish measures, and track progress on reducing deaths, addiction treatment admissions, hospitalizations, emergency department visits and teen abuse.
3. Promote and support the implementation and evaluation of an electronic Prescription Monitoring Program in Washington State.
4. Develop and disseminate educational materials for:
    a. Health care providers, patients and advocates
    b. Policy makers
    c. Public
        1. Pain patients
        2. Families with children in which prescription opiates are used/stored
        3. Drug abusers

Short-term Actions

1. Develop one or more fact sheets for various targeted audiences.
2. Monitor implementation of the Prescription Monitoring Program, provide informal feedback to program manager and assist with develop educational materials for health care practitioners and the general public.
3. Promote and support evaluation of practice guidelines for providers treating chronic, non-cancer pain patients with opioids in order to ensure both effectiveness and patient safety.
4. Devise possible methods to reduce emergency department visits for chronic pain and requests for opioid medication refill.
5. Devise possible methods to increase educational opportunities and recommendations for health care providers for pain management.
6. Promote efforts toward collecting more information about those who die of prescription-type opiate overdose including but not limited to source of drugs, and patient history.
7. Investigate other demand management and diversion control strategies, including but not limited to electronic prescriptions, pharmaceutical take back programs, and medication lock boxes.

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