

Abuse Deterrent (Tamper Resistant) Formulations State of the Evidence 2017

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## **Progression of Rx Drug Abuse**



#### Who Cares About Chewing?

RADARS SKIP: Adults meeting DSM-IV criteria for substance abuse with a primary drug that is an opioid



### Systematic Review of Abuse Deterrent (Tamper Resistant) Formulations

- Question: What is the evidence that opioid analgesics with abuse deterrent labeling improve outcomes (abuse, misuse, overdose, death)?
- 44 reports on opioids with abuse deterrent labeling
  - Hydrocodone (n=7)
  - Morphine (n=5)
  - Oxycodone (n=32)\*
- Hill Criteria
- Also assessed confounding factors and bias

Dart, Iwanicki, Dasgupta, Cicero, Schnoll, 2017, in press.

#### **Bradford Hill Criteria**

Factor	Description
Strength (effect size):	The larger the association, the more likely that it is causal.
Consistency	"Has it been repeatedly observed by different persons, in different
( <u>reproducibility</u> ):	places, circumstances and times?"
Specificity	Causal relationship is supported by a very specific population at a
	specific site and disease with no other likely explanation
Temporality	The effect has to occur after the cause and after expected delay
Biological gradient	Greater exposure should generally lead to greater incidence.
Plausibility	A plausible mechanism between cause and effect
Coherence	Coherence between epidemiological and laboratory findings
Experiment	" some preventive action is taken. Does it in fact prevent?"
Analogy	The effect of similar factors may be considered.
Additional Criteria	
Confounding	Alternative explanations for the observed associations
Bias	Systematic artifacts of data collection or study design

#### Cases Involving Intentional Abuse, Poison Center Program



#### **Investigations Opened, Drug Diversion Program**



# Drugs Used in Past 30 Days, Opioid Treatment Program



#### Drugs Used in Past 30 Days, Survey of Key Informants' Patients Program



# Figure 2. Reported Change in Treatment Measures of Abuse After Reformulation of Oxycodone ER



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# National Opioid Medication Abuse Deterrence (NOMAD) study

#### Following the introduction of Reformulated OxyContin<sup>®</sup>...

- 1. Population-level utilisation of oxycodone and other opioids?
- 2. Extra-medical use of OxyContin<sup>®</sup>?
- 3. Extra-medical use of other forms of oxycodone?
- 4. Extra-medical use of other pharmaceutical opioids and heroin?
- 5. Attractiveness for tampering?
- 6. Methods of tampering/oxycodone extraction evolve/become widespread?
- 7. Unintended consequences?





Degenhardt et al (2015). Evaluating the potential impact of a reformulated version of oxycodone upon tampering, non-adherence and diversion of opioids: The National Opioid Medications Abuse Deterrence (NOMAD) study protocol. *Addiction*, *110*, 226-237

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## **NOMAD** prospective cohort

#### Methods

• N=606 people who tamper with pharmaceutical opioids

Eligibility: Reported (a) past month injecting, snorting, chewing or smoking of pharmaceutical opioid(s) and (b) engaged in this practice at least monthly in the past six months.

- 3 study jurisdictions: NSW, TAS and SA
- 3 waves of data collection
  - Wave 1: Nov 2013 Mar 2014
  - Wave 2: May 2014 Aug 2014
  - Wave 3: May 2015 Sep 2015
- Excellent cohort retention
  - 92% of eligible participants at Wave 2
  - 90% of eligible participants at Wave 3

#### **Baseline cohort characteristics**

- Majority (96%) injected a drug (past 6 months)
- Demographically similar to other studies of PWID

Predominantly male (69%); High levels of unemployment (82%); homelessness (17%); prison history (62%).

## Significant comorbidity 61% current mod-severe depression; 54% chronic pain or disability past 6 months.

• Half (54%) in OST (past 6 months).





## Participants referred into the study (n=1321)



## **Oxycodone injection** (past month)



Fig. 4. Client visits per month where oxycodone, morphine, fentanyl and heroin were injected, Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC), July 2009–August 2014



Degenhardt et al., Drug Alc Dependence 2015; 151: 56-57.

## NOMAD study summary

- Prior to reformulation, 80mg OxyContin<sup>®</sup> were most frequently diverted/injected
- Observed declines in OxyContin<sup>®</sup>/oxycodone use and injection following introduction of reformulation among the NOMAD cohort and NSP/MSIC data
- Heroin and methamphetamine remain primary drugs of injection among NOMAD cohort and NSP/MSIC clients.
- Some tampering with Reformulated OxyContin has persisted at followup 2 (27% attempted in past month), but overall, Reformulated OxyContin<sup>®</sup> was viewed as less attractive for tampering/injection





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#### Negative Data – NSDUH past 30 day Nonmedical Use



Novak S. FDA-2013-D-0045, 2013

# Nonmedical Use of OxyContin<sup>®</sup>, National Survey of Drug Use and Health, 2006 – 2014



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#### Timeline of Interventions vs. Oxycodone ER, Other Opioids



## Summary

- Introduction of oxycodone ER was followed by improved outcomes related to oxycodone ER
- Other opioids have increased over the same time period (heroin)
- The results are similar in 3 different countries with different baseline conditions, different measurement instruments and timeframes.
- The early initial decrease in oxycodone ER contrasted with increases for most other opioids during the first year or more, but was then followed by decreases for almost all opioids.
- Multiple sources of bias and confounding are present, however, we conclude that none of these accounts for the observed decrease.