The Shifting Landscape of Prescription Drug Abuse: The Canadian Perspective
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Canada and the Global Mosaic: How Does Prescription Drug Abuse Compare?
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Canadian Approach to Prescription Opioid Risk Management
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Cannabis and Opioids: A Cautionary Tale of Cannabis Policies on the Opioid Epidemic
Rosalie Liccardo Pacula, PhD
Director, BING Center for Health Economics; Co-Director, Drug Policy Research Center; Senior Economist; Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School; RAND Corporation

Comparing Canada and the United States: The RADARS® System
Codeine in Canada – Don’t Forget Weak Opioids…
Beth Sproule, RPh, BScPhm, PharmD
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Emerging Changes in Opioid Diversion in Canada and the United States
Mance E. Buttram, PhD
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Who’s Winning? Opioid Abuse Patterns in the United States and Canada
Theodore J. Cicero, PhD
John P. Feighner Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

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Welcome and RADARS® System 2018 Data Updates
Richard C. Dart, MD, PhD
Executive Director, RADARS® System, Denver Health and Hospital Authority; President, Canadian Consumer Product and Pharmaceutical Safety Inc.

Project Lazarus: Local Solutions to National Opioid Crisis: What They Need to Know
Fred Wells Brason II, Chaplain
President and CEO, Project Lazarus
Speaker, U.S. Department of State U.S. Speaker Program, The Bureau of International Information Programs

The Epidemiology of Prescription Opioid Abuse – A Regulatory Perspective
Gerald J. Dal Pan, MD, MHS
Director, Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, US Food and Drug Administration

The Dead Speak: How Can Mortality Data Improve Drug Safety?
The Evolution of Mortality Data in the United States
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Mortality Involving Prescription Drugs
Joshua C. Black, PhD
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Lessons from Opana® ER: Policy, Behavior, and Reality
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The Route to Utilization of Trend-in-Trend Introduction: Remember Quinoa?
John Schwarz, PhD
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Comment: Using Trend-in-Trend to Evaluate Drug Abuse
Rose Radin, PhD, MPH
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Next Steps: Evaluating Routes and Comparators
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Drug Diversion in Healthcare Facilities: Our Nation’s Little Secret
John J. Burke
President, Pharmaceutical Diversion Education Inc., President and Co-Founder, International Health Facility Diversion Association
Fred Wells Brason II, Chaplain

Mr. Brason is a graduate of Dean College. He has served as an innovator, founder, and leader in a number of organizations including: Hospice Chaplain and Hospice Program Coordinator, International Fellowship of Chaplains, Rank Lt. Colonel, President and Founder of Coastlands Ministries, Affiliate Services Coordinator of National House of Hope and Vice President/Founder and Director of Operations for WillCare, Inc. He has served on the FDA scientific workshop committees for the role of Naloxone in Opioid Overdose Fatality Prevention and Assessment of Analgesic Treatment of Chronic Pain.

Additionally, Mr. Brason Co-Chaired the Expert Committee for the formulation of the SAMHSA Overdose Toolkit, participant on the Roundtable workgroup for the publication of the National Governors Association Opioid Roadmap, also the ASTHO Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Strategic Map, serves on the Steering Committee for the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatrists and Project Lazarus has been highlighted in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Strategies. Mr. Brason also serves as a speaker in the U.S. Department of State U.S. Speaker Program, The Bureau of International Information Programs. He has published articles in the North Carolina Medical Journal, Wiley Periodicals, the American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine, and the Journal of the North Carolina Medical Board. Mr. Brason received the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leader Award 2012 and has been inducted into their Alumni Network.

Gerald J. Dal Pan, MD, MHS

Gerald J. Dal Pan, MD, MHS currently serves as the Director of the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology in FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, where since 2005 he has been responsible for the Center’s programs in adverse event surveillance and analysis, pharmacoepidemiology, risk management, and medication error prevention. In this capacity, he is involved in both the premarket and postmarket regulation of drugs and therapeutic biologics, and in the implementation of the drug safety provisions of the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act and other initiatives. He is a member of the World Health Organization Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medicinal Products, and has served on working groups of the Council of International Organization of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) and the International Council on Harmonisation (ICH). He received his MD from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and his Master of Health Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. He completed residency training in Internal Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and in Neurology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Neurology. He joined FDA in 2000 as a medical reviewer in the Center’s Office of New Drugs. Before working at FDA, he was a faculty member in the Department of Neurology at Johns Hopkins and worked in the pharmaceutical industry.
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Rose Radin, PhD, MPH

Rose Radin is an acting team lead on the Drug Abuse Team in the Division of Epidemiology, Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, within FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Her team is responsible for observational data related to identifying and mitigating the risks associated with prescription drug abuse. This work includes oversight of post-marketing requirements, Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies, and FDA-funded research, and evaluation of evidence for policy-making. Before joining FDA, Rose’s work experience and training focused on prospective cohort studies and causal modeling. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health and received her PhD and MPH in Epidemiology from Boston University.

Andrew Slot, PhD

Andrew completed his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Toxicology from the University of Guelph, Canada, and both a Masters and PhD degree from Queen’s University, Canada, in Physiology and Pathology and Molecular Medicine, respectively. After brief stints as a Quality Assurance officer and Business Development specialist, Andrew joined the Canadian Federal public service in 2012 where he has worked in both the Controlled Substances and Marketed Health Products Directorates in Health Canada. Andrew’s experiences as a regulatory scientist have varied from reviewing new psychoactive substances for scheduling purposes to the review of post-market therapeutic product safety issues and product life-cycle risk management.