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Drugs, Drugs and More Drugs?

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Presentation Objectives

- Discuss R.Ph. Duties & Responsibilities when presented with a CS Rx for dispensing
- Discuss the problem with CS drugs from an individual state perspective.



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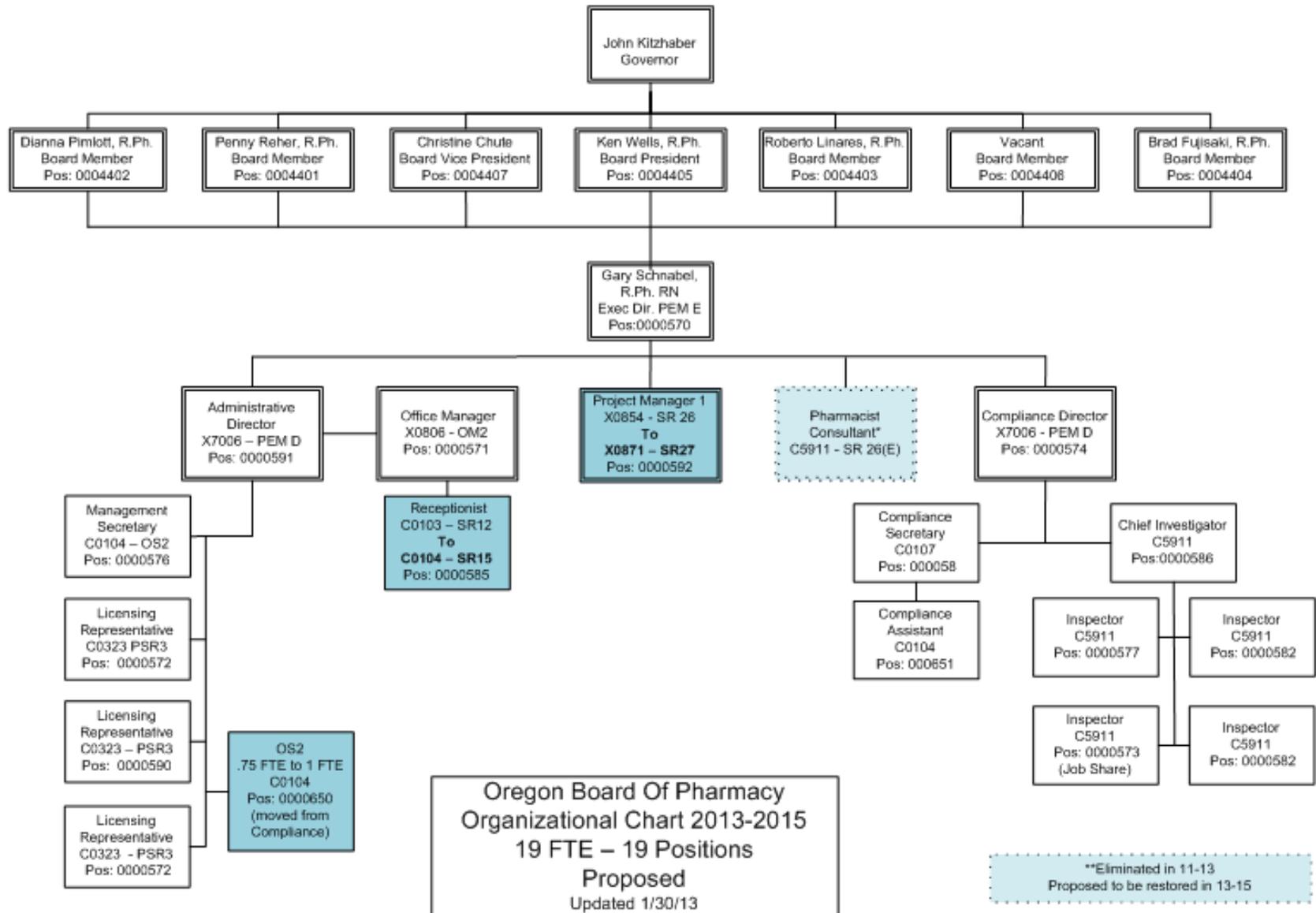
- Administrative / Investigative Agency:
Regulate the practice of pharmacy and the quality and distribution of drugs in the state and enforce the controlled substances act.
- Oregon Controlled Substances Act
ORS Chapter 475
- Oregon Pharmacy Act
ORS Chapter 689
- Oregon Administrative Rules
OAR Chapter 855



Historical Perspective

- OBOP was established in 1891
- Currently 5 RPh and 2 public members
- Currently 19 FTE Staff
- Organizational Chart





Number of Licensees

■ Pharmacists	5,953
■ Pharm Technicians	6,595
■ Pharmacy Interns	884
■ Pharmacies	1,285



The Pharmacist's First Responsibility

- Always, Always, Always: Act in the best interest of the patient!



21 CFR 1306.04

- A controlled substance prescription, to be valid, must be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual prescriber acting in the usual course of his/her professional practice.



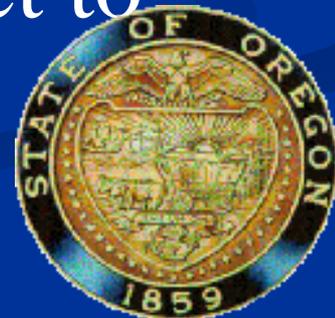
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- The responsibility for the proper prescribing is upon the prescriber, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who dispenses the prescription.



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- An order purporting to be a prescription issued not in the usual course of bonafide treatment of a patient is not a prescription and the person knowingly dispensing such a purported prescription, as well as the person issuing it, shall be subject to the penalties of law.



ORS 689.525

Out-of-State Prescriptions

- (1) A prescription written by a practitioner licensed in a state or territory of the United States, other than Oregon, may be filled only if the pharmacist called upon to fill such prescription determines, in the exercise of professional judgment:



ORS 689.525

Out-of-State Prescriptions

- (a) That it was issued pursuant to a valid patient-practitioner relationship; and
 - (b) That it is authentic.
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- (2) However, if the practitioner writing the prescription is not known to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall obtain proof to a reasonable certainty of the validity of the prescription.

Who Determines Validity of Rx?

- Dispensing pharmacists need to remember that they, not their district supervisors, have been assigned the “Corresponding Responsibility”!



Have To Call the Prescriber?

- Counseling: Discuss with patient
- Question “out of area” patients
- Observe and trust your instincts
- Ask for photo ID
- Use PDMP
- Still not sure? Confirm with prescriber.
- TAKE CARE OF YOUR PATIENT



Red Flags

- Has the PDMP been checked?
- Is the patient or the prescriber known to the pharmacy staff?
- Is the prescriber or patient from a distant location?
- Are the patient and prescriber from different locations.
- Is the prescription written for an unusual quantity or combination?



Red Flags

- Are multiple prescriptions being issued by the same prescriber in the same quantities and combinations?
- Is the patient's behavior suspicious?
- Is the prescriber's signature consistent with other prescriptions written by the same prescriber?
- Is the patient opting to pay cash?



The “Triple Dog Dare”

- Oxycodone 30mg Q 6H PRN Pain #180
- Alprazolam 2mg PO BID PRN #120
- Carisoprodol 350mg Q 4H PRN #180

- Is there a legitimate purpose for this?



The 16,651 opiate overdose deaths in the U.S. in 2010 is equivalent to an MD80 aircraft carrying 140 passengers crashing **EVERY DAY for 4 straight months!**



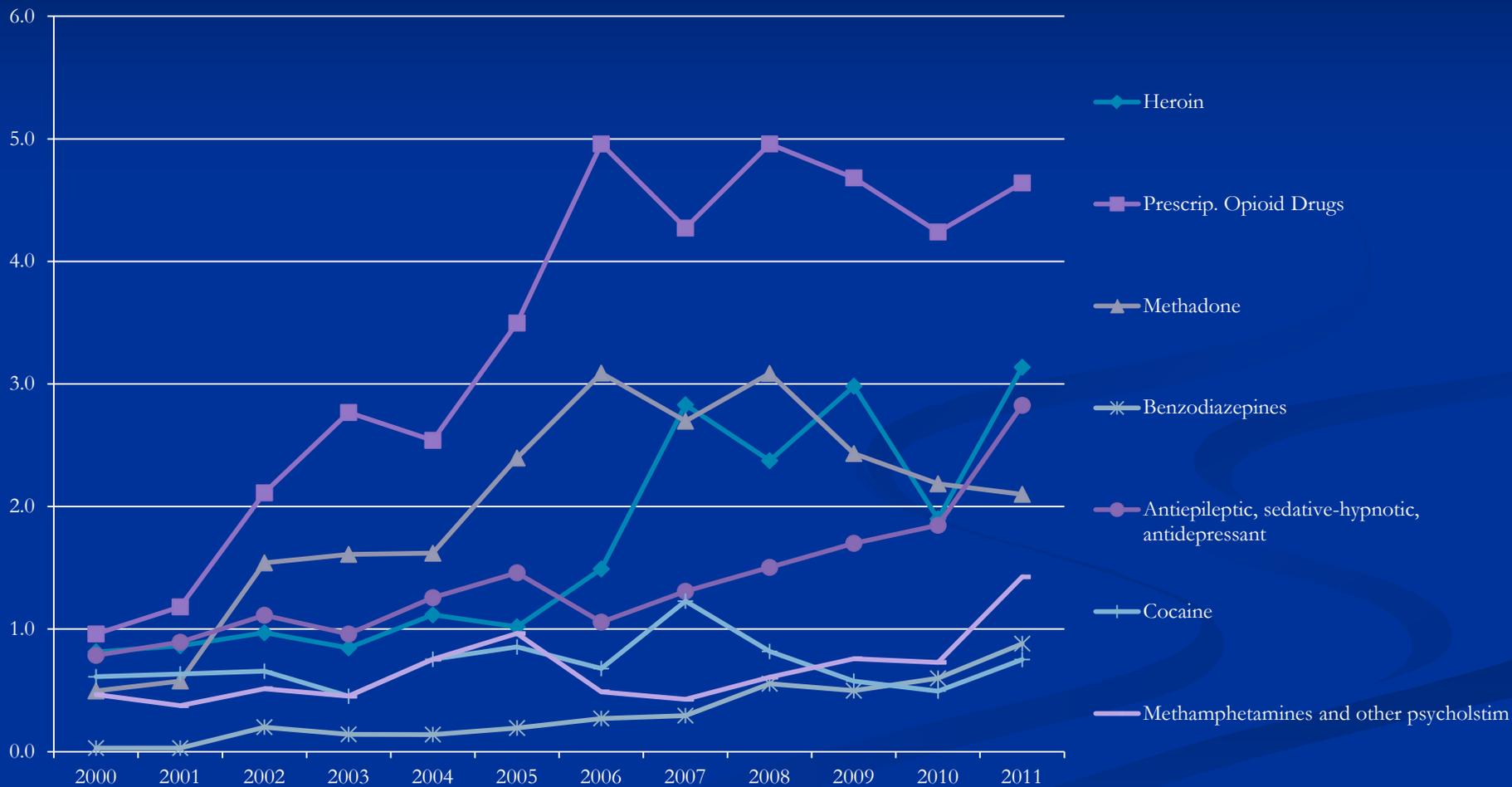
Is there a prescription drug problem in Oregon?

- You be the Judge . . .



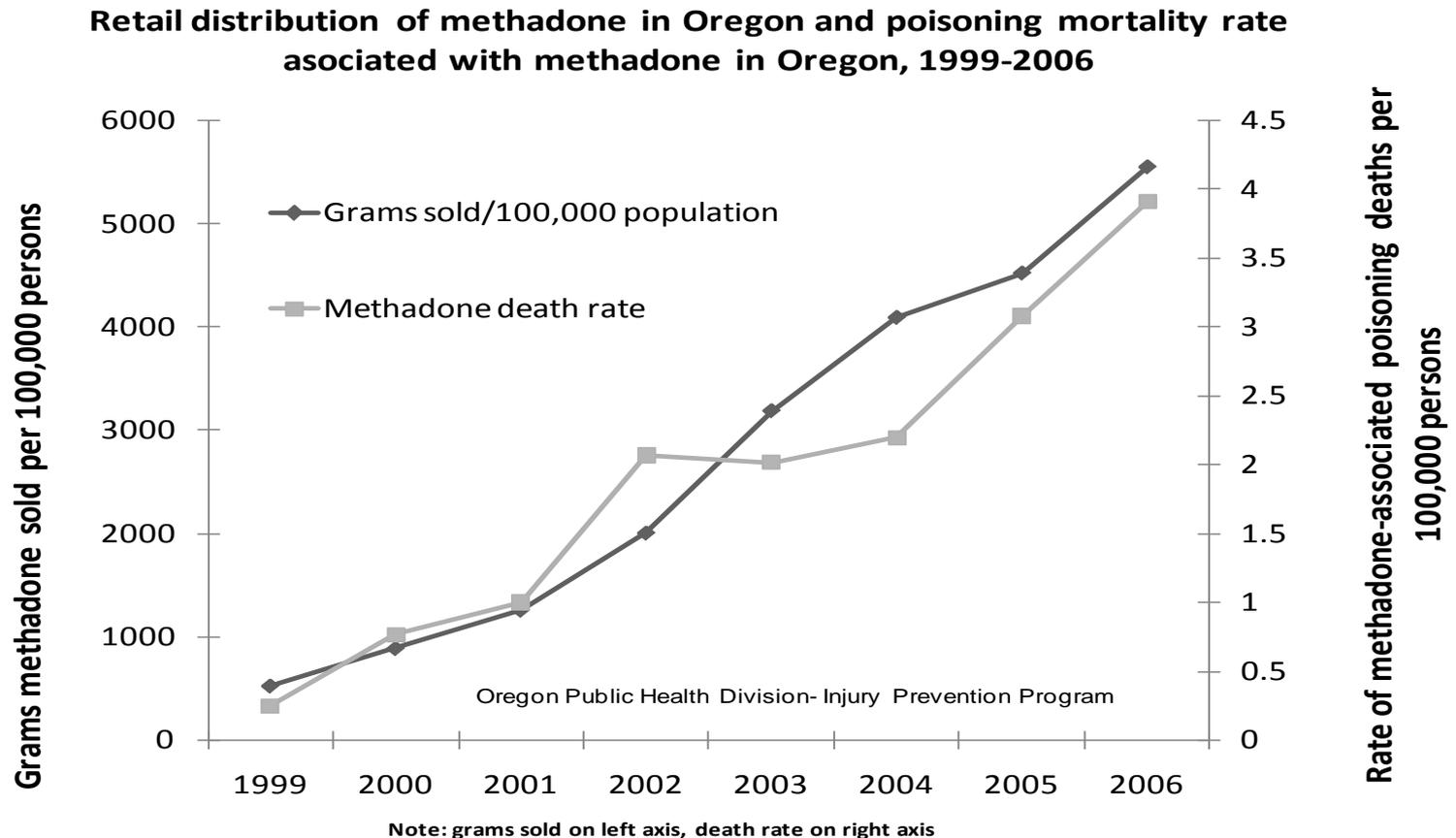
Overdose death rate by drug type per 100,000 OR, 2000-2011

Note: a person can have more than 1 contributing drug related to their death



Source: Oregon Center for Health Statistics Vital Records

Methadone Death Rates Parallel Methadone Sales

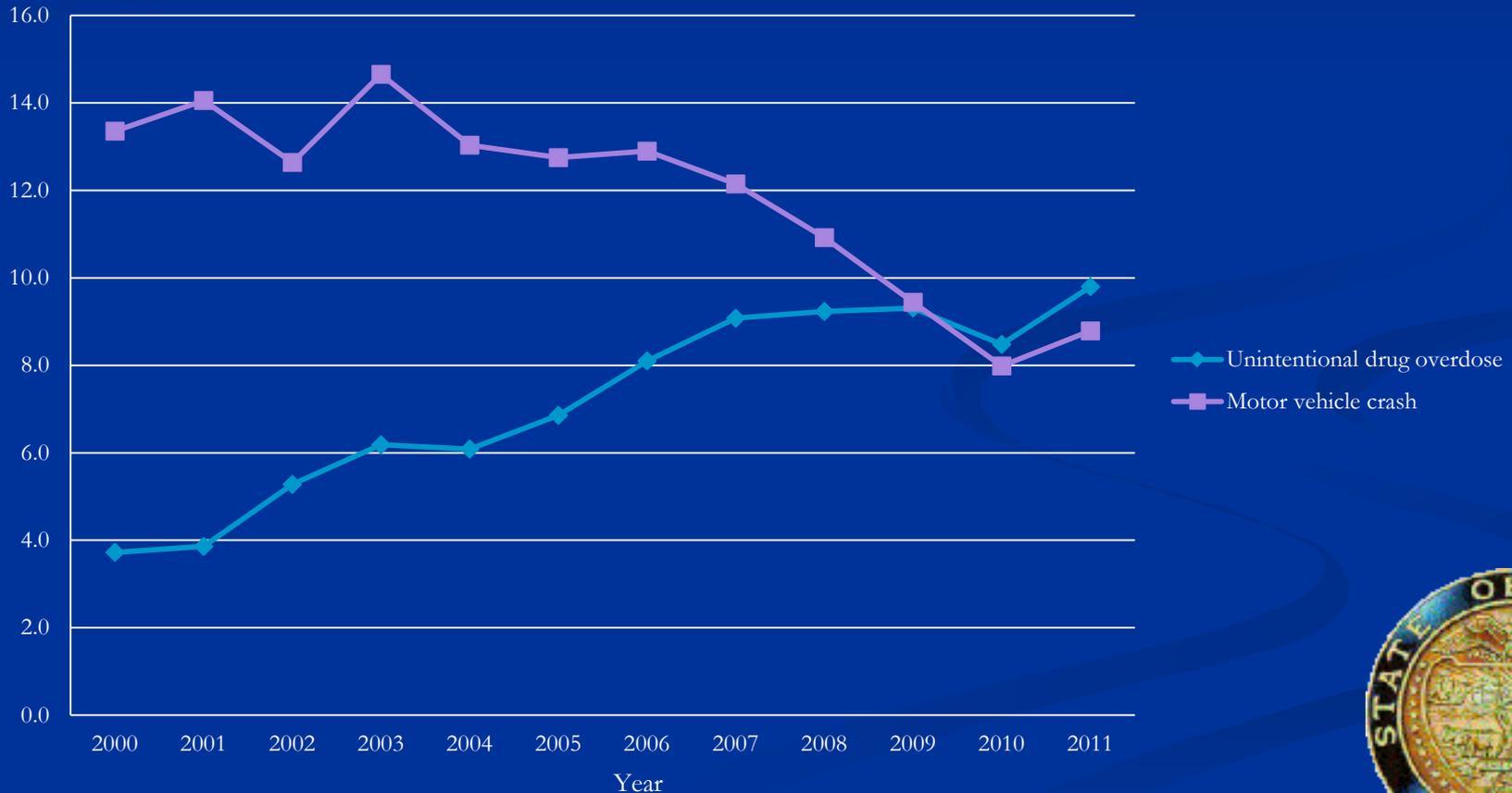


Sources: US Dept. of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS); Oregon Center for Health Statistics mortality data files. Includes unintentional and undetermined intent deaths.

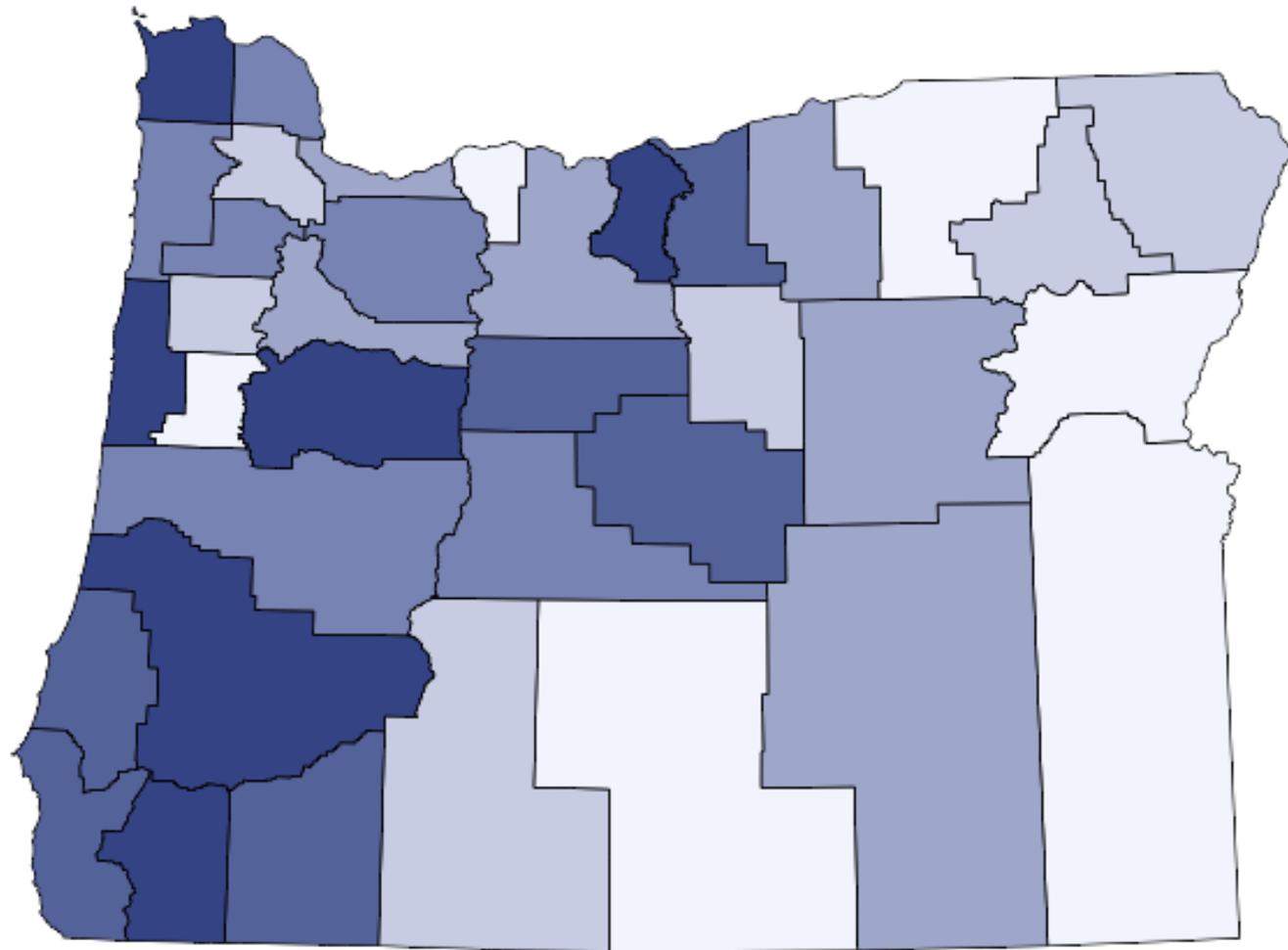
More Drug Overdose Deaths than Motor Vehicle Crash Deaths

Unintentional drug overdose and motor vehicle death rates, Oregon 2000-2011

Death rate per 100,000 population

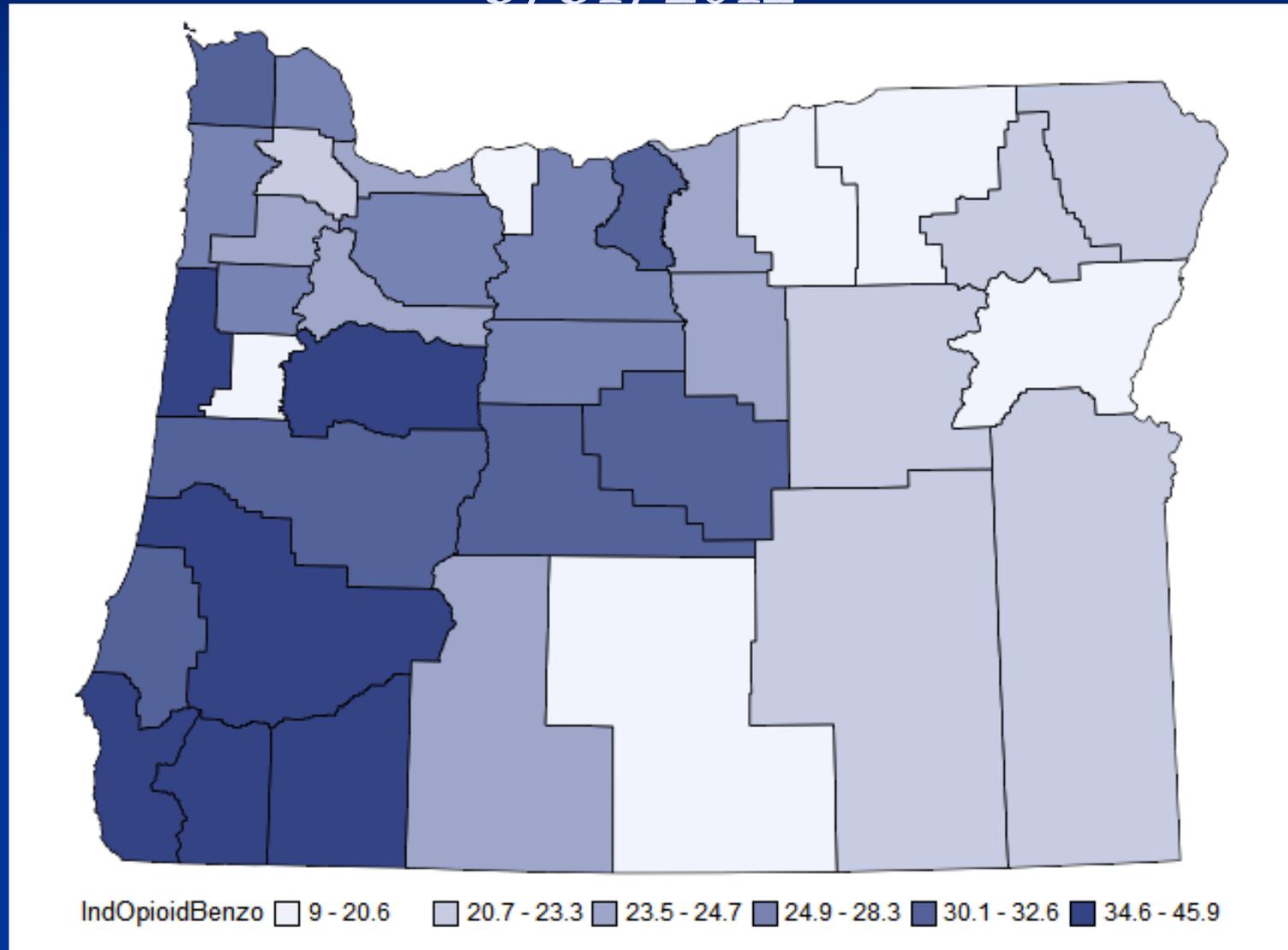


Number of people/1,000 residents receiving an opioid, Oregon, 10/1/2011 to 3/31/2012

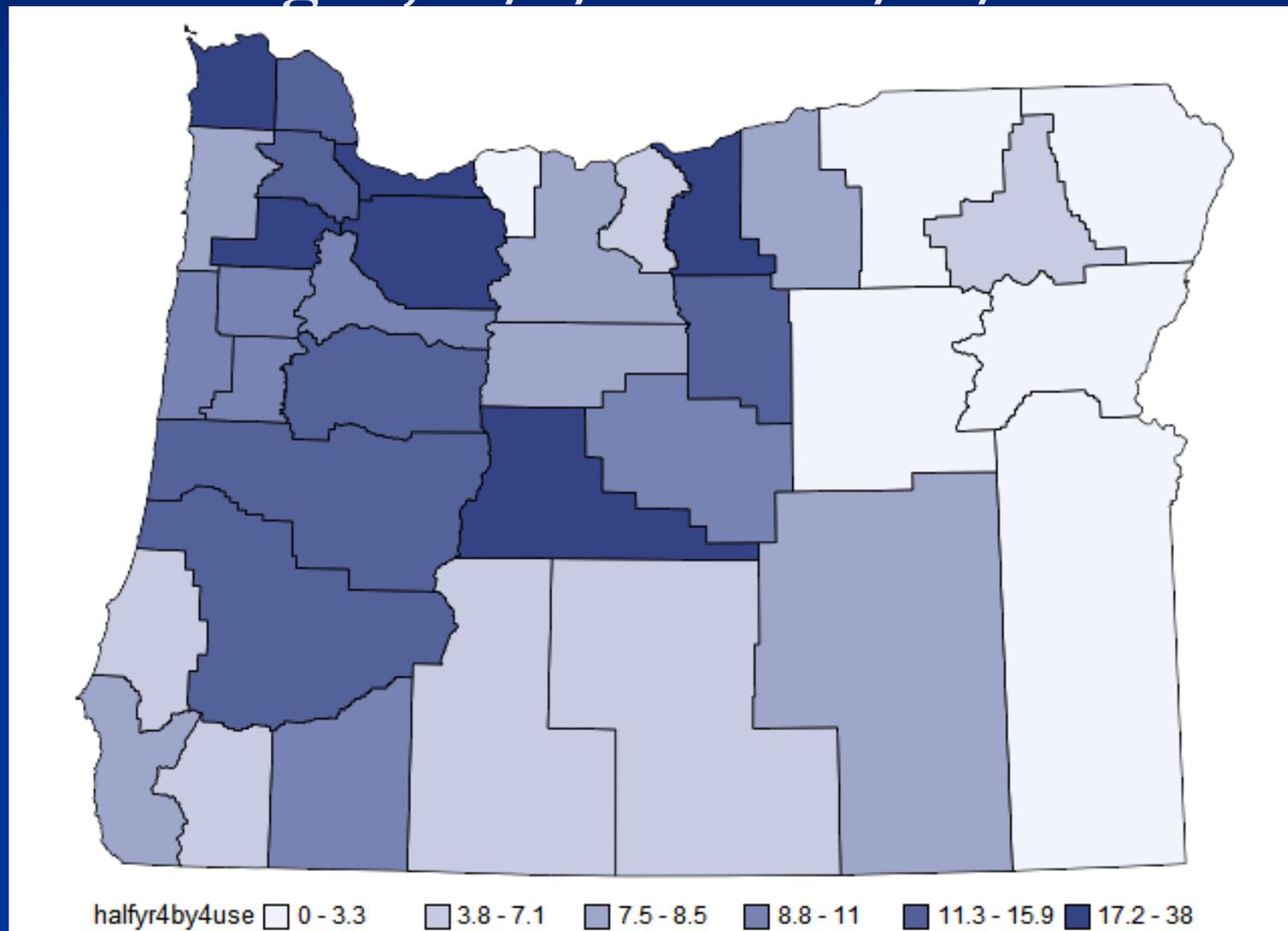


IndOpioid 58.3 - 122.6 125.4 - 135.2 138 - 149.8
153.5 - 160.3 166.5 - 178.3 178.9 - 203

Number of people/1,000 residents receiving an opioid and benzo, Oregon, 10/1/2011 to 3/31/2012



Number of people/10,000 residents using 4 or more prescribers and 4 or more pharmacies, Oregon, 10/1/2011 to 3/31/2012



If I Were The Judge:

... There is a prescription drug problem in Oregon.

Follow me ...



Rx Fraud Task Force 2010

- Scams becoming more frequent, more organized and more sophisticated
- Pharmacists and Law Enforcement Agencies
- Two recommendations:
 - Report known Fraudulent Rx to Local Law Enforcement Agency and OBOP
 - OBOP Rx Fraud Alert Listserve



What Should I Do?

- Don't fill the prescription
- Make a copy or keep the prescription
- Report to local Police and OBOP
- Reporting Form on OBOP website



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■ False _____



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Questions

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