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## **Cross Examination of Anna Lembke, M.D.**

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## National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) 1981



A Perspective on Chronic Pain: Treatment and Research

Lorenz K.Y. Ng, M.D.

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this country. In fact, it was NIDA's initiatives that prompted the White House, through its Domestic Council, to call for formation of a comprehensive interagency task force to review and make recommendations in the area of pain, discomfort, and humanitarian care. Recognizing that the time had come for greater attention to the problem of pain, the White House, late in 1977, asked the National Institutes of Health to convene a Government-wide committee to address this issue.

In January 1978, the Interagency Committee on New Therapies for Pain and Discomfort was appointed and charged with examining the status of research, education, and organization of health care services in the areas of chronic intractable pain and humane care of terminal patients and with developing recommendations in

**New Approaches to Treatment of Chronic Pain (1981)** 

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Pain and Disability: Clinical, Behavioral, a Policy Perspectives

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nonmalignant chronic pain. Until very recently it was generally thought that the risks of physical and psychological drug dependence, drug abuse, increased psychological distress, and impaired cognition were too great to warrant the extended use of narcotic analgesics for severe chronic pain (see, for example, Maruta et al., 1979; Maruta and Swanson, 1981; Medina and Diamond, 1977).

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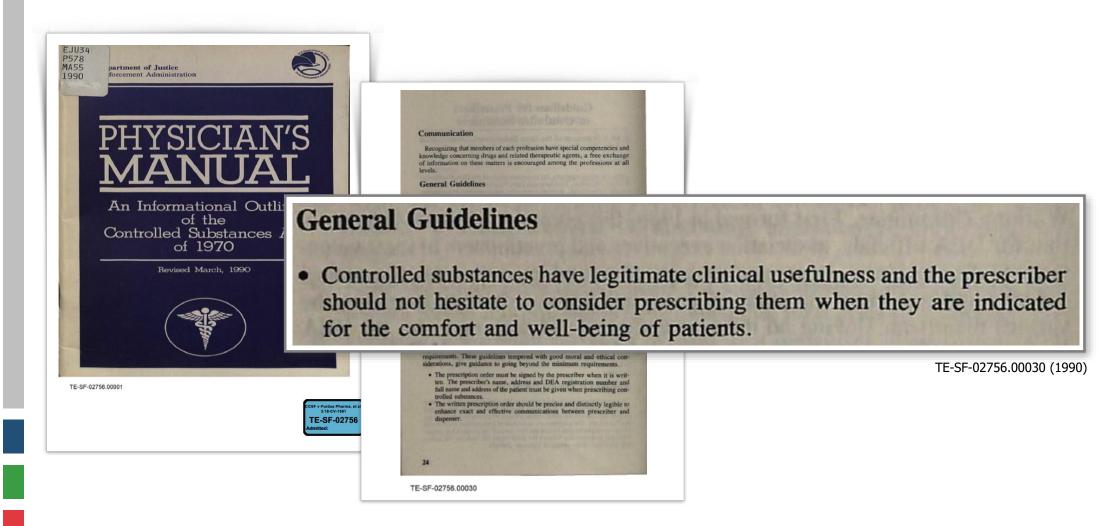
In the last several years, however, there have been reports indicating that long-term therapy with these drugs can be successful. For example, Portenoy and

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## **Drug Enforcement Agency Physician's Manual (1990)**



# California Intractable Pain Act (1990) Bus. & Prof. Code § 2241.5

West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2241.5

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(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a physician and surgeon may prescribe or administer controlled substances to a person in the course of the physician and surgeon's treatment of that person for a diagnosed condition causing intractable pain.

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# California Intractable Pain Act (Amended 2006, 2015) Bus. & Prof. Code § 2241.5

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§ 2241.5. Prescription or administration of dangerous drugs or prescription controlled substances for treatment of pain or condition causing pain

(a) A physician and surgeon may prescribe for, or dispense or administer to, a person under his or her treatment for a medical condition dangerous drugs or prescription controlled substances for the treatment of pain or a condition causing pain, including, but not limited to, intractable pain.

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(Added by Stats.2006, c. 350 (A.B.2198), § 5. Amended by Stats.2015, c. 719 (S.B.643), § 3, eff. Jan. 1, 2016.)

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# California Pain Patients' Bill of Rights (1997) Health & Safety Code §§ 124960, 124961

West's Ann.Cal.Health & Safety Code § 124960

### § 124960. Findings and declarations; opiate drugs; pain management

The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) The state has a right and duty to control the illegal use of opiate drugs.
- (b) Inadequate treatment of acute and chronic pain originating from cancer or noncancerous conditions is a significant health problem.
- (c) For some patients, pain management is the single most important treatment a physician can provide.

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(f) In the hands of knowledgeable, ethical, and experienced pain management practitioners, opiates administered for severe acute and severe chronic intractable pain can be safe.

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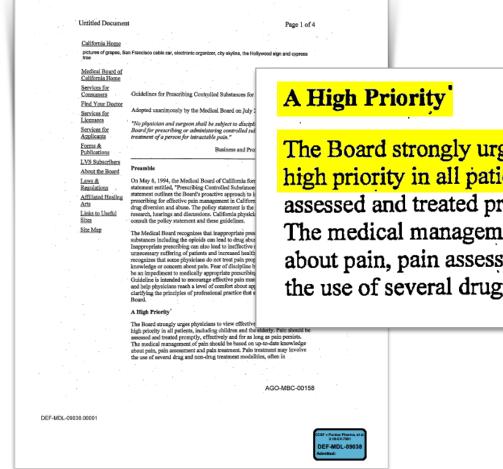
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(d) A patient suffering from severe chronic intractable pain should have access to proper treatment of his or her pain.

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(k) The patient's physician may refuse to prescribe opiate medication for a patient who requests the treatment for severe chronic intractable pain. However, that physician shall inform the patient that there are physicians who specialize in the treatment of severe chronic intractable pain with methods that include the use of opiates.

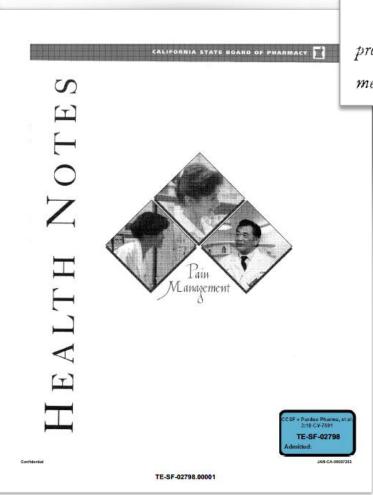
## Medical Board of California (1994) Guidelines for Prescribing Controlled Substances for Intractable Pain



The Board strongly urges physicians to view effective pain management as a high priority in all patients, including children and the elderly. Pain should be assessed and treated promptly, effectively and for as long as pain persists. The medical management of pain should be based on up-to-date knowledge about pain, pain assessment and pain treatment. Pain treatment may involve the use of several drug and non-drug treatment modalities, often in

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## California State Board of Pharmacy (1996) Health Notes



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#### **ROLE OF OPIOIDS IN PAIN MANAGEMENT**

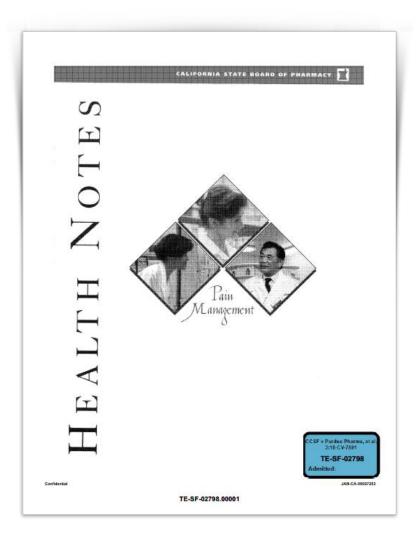
Many patients with cancer or chronic medical conditions experience moderate to severe pain that is often inappropriately treated or undermedicated. Pain can have a negative effect on the patient's health and quality of life resulting in needless suffering, emotional distress, loss of productivity and possibly slower recovery from illness, injury, and disease.

Although there have been significant advances in knowledge about pain and the use of opioids and other medications in pain management, many licensed healthcare professionals prescribe, dispense, or administer these medications suboptimally. There is a misconception by patients, the public, and some licensed healthcare providers that opioids are "bad" drugs because opioids are often associated with drug abuse, addiction, and criminal activity. Studies have shown that opioids used appropriately for pain management have an extremely low potential for abuse.

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## California State Board of Pharmacy (1996) Health Notes



### CONCLUSION

Recognition of the utility of opioids and other controlled substance drugs for the treatment of pain resulting from a variety of conditions is well established. The need for regulators and practitioners to understand this use, and to adopt laws, policies, and practices is selfevident if patients are to receive relief from pain which is now medically possible. In addition, pharmacists must understand their role in the on-going monitoring and assessment of patients' pain management. Working cooperatively, the Board of Pharmacy and the profession can ensure that opioids and other controlled substance drugs are used appropriately and effectively.

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## California Attorney General Letter to DEA (2005)



#### STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL

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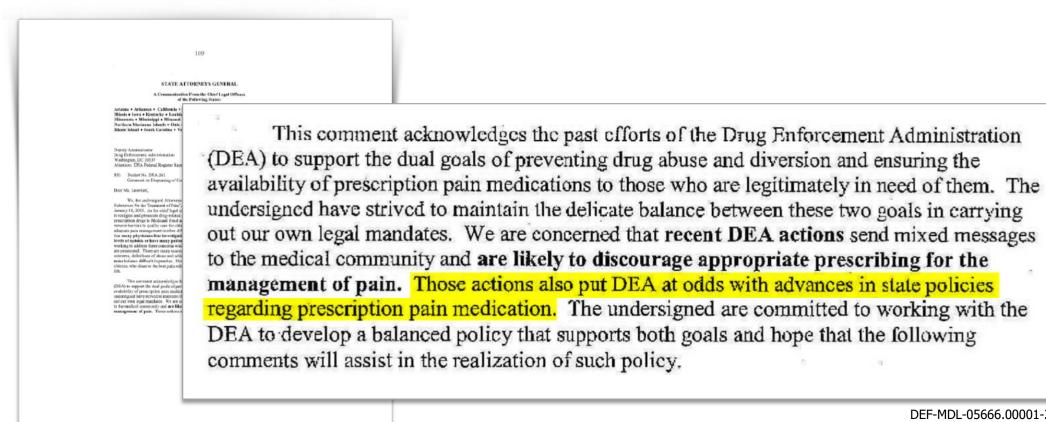
This comment acknowledges the past efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to support the dual goals of preventing drug abuse and diversion and ensuring the availability of prescription pain medications to those who are legitimately in need of them. The undersigned have strived to maintain the delicate balance between these two goals in carrying out our own legal mandates. We are concerned that recent DEA actions send mixed messages to the medical community and are likely to discourage appropriate prescribing for the management of pain. Those actions also put DEA at odds with advances in state policies

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## **California Attorney General Letter to DEA (2005)**



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## Dr. Lembke's "Misrepresentations"

1	"Addiction to prescription opioids is rare or virtually nonexistent in patients treated for chronic pain under a doctor's care, and only 'addicts' are at risk of addition to prescription opioids."		
2	"There is no clinical 'ceiling dose' of prescription opioids, in contrast to other pain relief medications, so opioids can be uptitrated without concern of harm."		
3	"Drug-seeking behavior in patients receiving opioid therapy is not a sign of addiction but rather pseudoaddiction, and these patients are experiencing under-treated pain requiring more opioids."		
4	"Opioids are effective, first-line treatment for chronic pain."		
5	"Dependence is a benign and easily treated condition, dependence on opioids is no different from dependence on other drugs, like blood-pressure medications,"		
	"[B]reakthrough pain is not a sign of decreasing efficacy, but a sign of needing more potent and faster acting opioids on top of longer-acting opioids."		
6	"Screening tools can identify who will become addicted."		
7	"Abuse deterrent formulations decrease risk and addiction."		

### **Declaration of Anna Lembke, M.D.**

#### Case 3:18-cv-07591-CRB Document 1281 Filed 04/25/22 Page 6 of 52 14. I have reviewed promotional materials that included false and misleading statements made or promoted by the Defendants in this case, as set forth below. Each cates misrepresentation is followed by one or more examples from Defendants' promotional or training materials, which in turn is followed by the science refuting the false claims. I am a that Defendants' promotional materials included some truthful statements. In my opinion, on both my research and my experience with my colleagues receiving these messages, the inclusion of false and misleading statements among the truthful statements enhanced the credibility of the false messages and made them all the more acceptable to prescribing ph and thus all the more dangerous. MISREPRSENTATIONS Misrepresentation #1: Addiction to prescription opioids is rare or virt nonexistent in patients treated for chronic pain under a doctor's care. only "addicts" are at risk of addiction to prescription opioids. Allergan Examples: · "Opioids can be used with minimal risk in chronic pain patients without a history of abuse or addiction." Managing Chronic Pain and the Importance of Customizing Opioid Treatment, October 27, 2009. P-01275\_00012 (Speaker training · "Although physical dependence is common in patients receiving opioids for pain, addiction is quite rare. There is essentially no evidence that adequate administration of opioids for pain produces addiction." P-28864\_00025 (Sales representative training manual). · "However, despite the continued unscientific beliefs of some clinicians, there is no evidence that simply taking opioids for a period of time will cause substance abuse or addiction. It appears likely that most substance-abusing patients in pain management practices had an abuse problem before entering practice." Kadian Learning System. P-23790 00136 and P-02982\_00077 (Sales representative training manuals) **Teva Examples:** "Family members/caregivers may worsen patient concerns and fears about analgesic use. Caregivers may lack information about proper pain management and its benefits. Like patients, caregivers may need reassurance that few people using opioids for a legitimate medical reason become addicted to the drug, and that physical dependence to a drug is easily overcome

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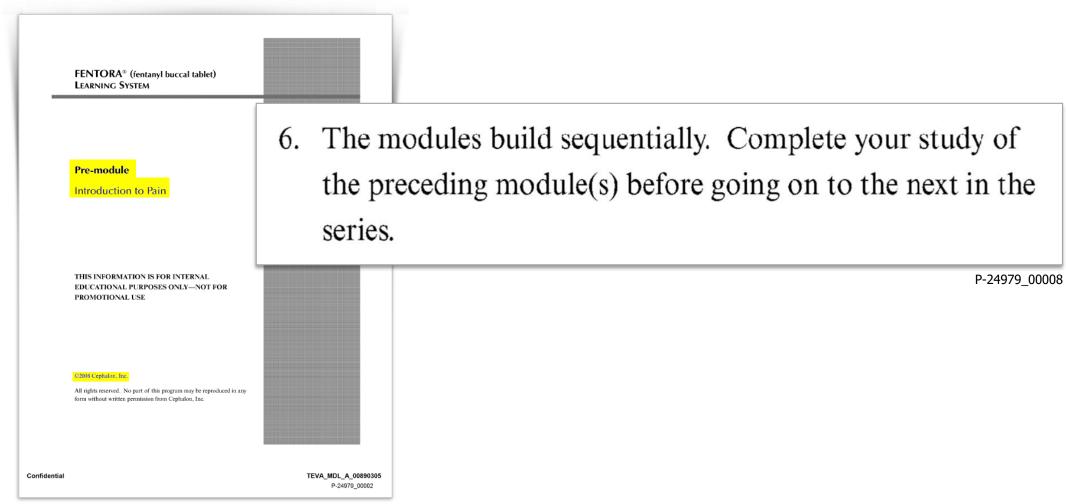
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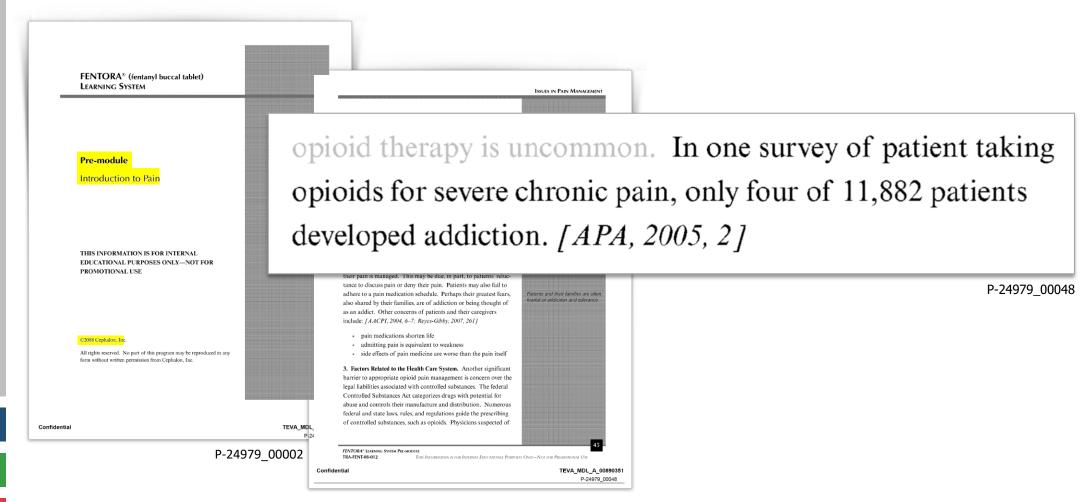
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- "Pain appears to reduce the euphoric effects of opioids, so people taking opioids to manage their pain may be at a lower risk for addiction. [APA, 2005, 2]" Fentora Introduction to Pain. P-24979\_00052 (Sales representative training manual).
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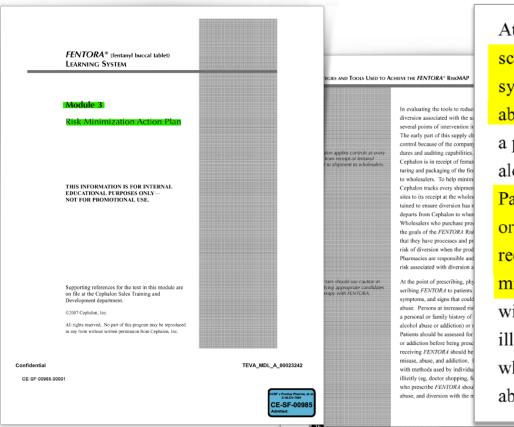
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# Fentora Learning System: Module 3 Risk Minimization Action Plan (2008)



At the point of prescribing, physicians should use caution when prescribing FENTORA to patients and should be aware of circumstances, symptoms, and signs that could contribute to an individual's risk of abuse. Persons at increased risk for opioid abuse include those with a personal or family history of substance abuse (including drug or alcohol abuse or addiction) or mental illness (eg, major depression). Patients should be assessed for their clinical risks for opioid abuse or addiction before being prescribed *FENTORA*. All patients receiving FENTORA should be routinely monitored for signs of misuse, abuse, and addiction. Physicians should also be familiar with methods used by individuals to obtain Schedule II opiates illicitly (eg., doctor shopping, feigning illness or pain). Physicians who prescribe *FENTORA* should balance the risks of product misuse, abuse, and diversion with the medical need to adequately treat pain.

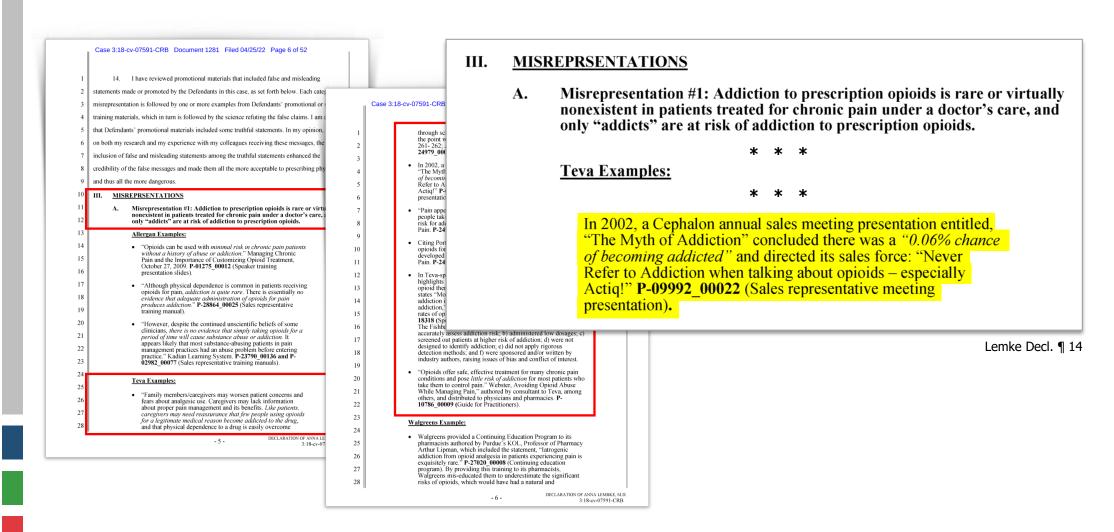
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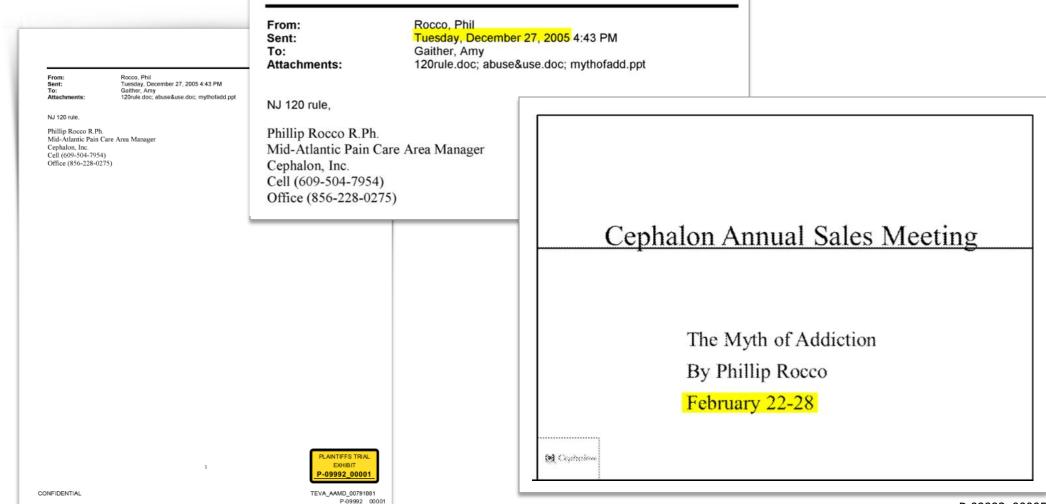
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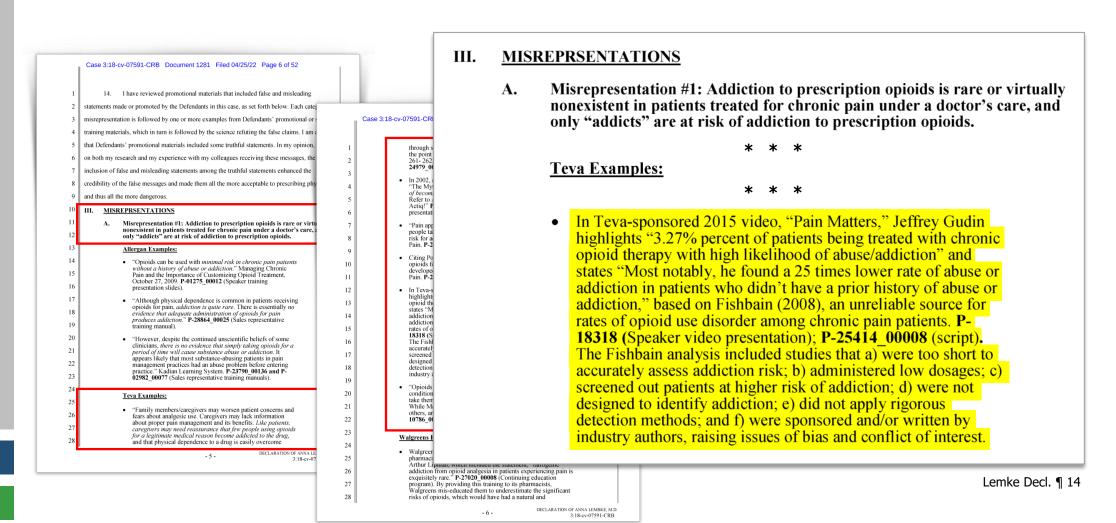


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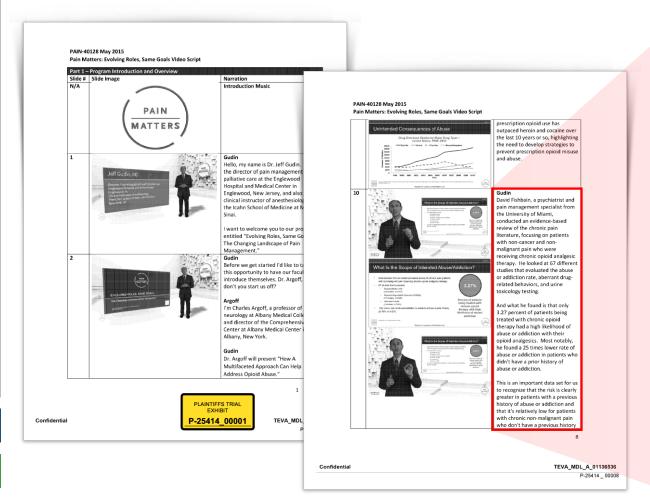


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## Pain Matters Script (2015)



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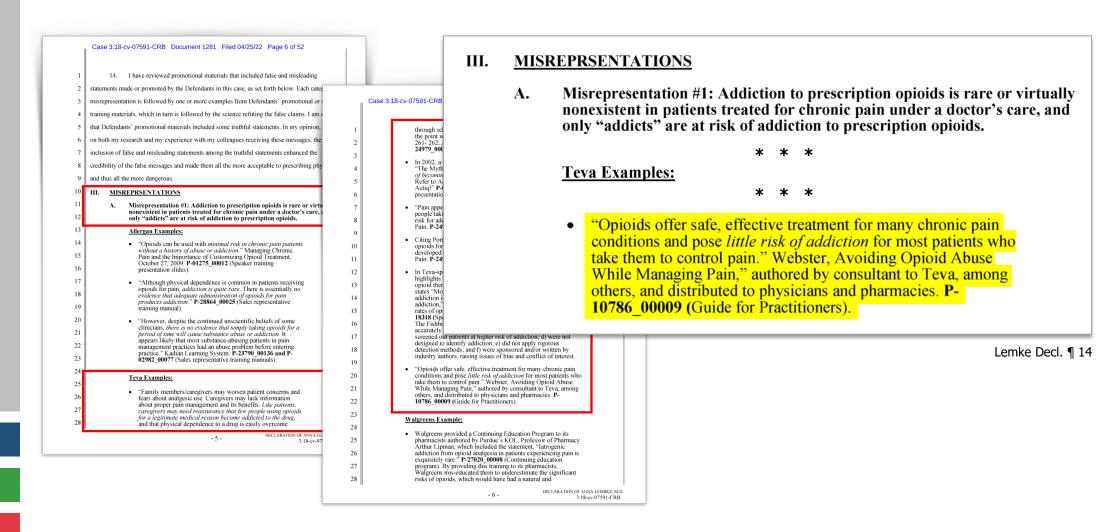
#### Gudin

David Fishbain, a psychiatrist and pain management specialist from the University of Miami, conducted an evidence-based review of the chronic pain literature, focusing on patients with non-cancer and non-malignant pain who were receiving chronic opioid analgesic therapy. He looked at 67 different studies that evaluated the abuse or addiction rate, aberrant drugrelated behaviors, and urine toxicology testing.

And what he found is that only 3.27 percent of patients being treated with chronic opioid therapy had a high likelihood of abuse or addiction with their opioid analgesics. Most notably, he found a 25 times lower rate of abuse or addiction in patients who didn't have a prior history of abuse or addiction.

This is an important data set for us to recognize that the risk is clearly greater in patients with a previous history of abuse or addiction and that it's relatively low for patients with chronic non-malignant pain who don't have a previous history

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# NIDA Research Report - Prescription Drugs: Abuse and Addiction (2001)



Most people who take prescription which the continuous sake them responsibly; however, the non-medical use of prescription drugs remains a serious public health conception drugs remains certain prescription drugs—optoids, central nervous system (CSS) depressants, and stimulants—when abused, can alter the brain's activity and lead to dependence and possibly

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What are some of the commonly abused prescription drugs?

A lthough many prescription drugs can be abused or misused, there are three classes of Stimulants, which are prescribed to treat the sleep disorder narcolepsy, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

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Opioids

What are opioids?



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addiction rarely occurs among those who use pain relievers, CNS depressants, or stimulants as prescribed; the risk for addiction exists when these medications are used in ways other than as prescribed.

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Most patients who are prescribed opioids for pain, even those undergoing long-term therapy, do not become addicted to the drugs. The few patients who do develop rapid and marked tolerance for and addiction to opioids usually have a history of psychological problems or prior substance abuse. In fact,

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death. Many studies have shown, however, that properly managed medical use of opioid analgesic drugs is safe and rarely causes clinical addiction, defined as compulsive, often uncontrollable use of drugs.

Taken exactly as prescribed, opioids can be used to manage pain effectively.

## **DEA Information Bulletin (2001)**



### OxyContin Diversion and Abuse

#### Overview

Diversion and abuse of the prescription pain reliever OxyContin is a major problem, particularly in the eastern United States. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reports that, in the United States, oxycodone products, including OxyContin, are frequently abused pharmaceuticals. The pharmacological effects of OxyContin make it a suitable substitut for heroin; therefore, it is attractive to the same abuser population. Law enforcement reports indicate heroin abusers are obtaining OveContin because the pharma ceutical drug offers reliable strength and dosage levels In addition, if the abusers' health insurance covers an illness that the drug treats, the insurance provider may cover the cost of the drug. Conversely, OxyContin abusers who have never used heroin may be attracted to the lower priced heroin when their health insurance no longer pays for OxyContin prescriptions or when they cannot afford the high street-level price of OxyContin. For example the West Virginia, Hancock-Brooke-Weirton Drug Task Force reports tha a local couple recently sentenced for conspiracy to sell. heroin, turned to heroin after their doctor refused to continue prescribing OxyContin and they could not afford the street price of the pharmaceutical. OxyContin abusers sometimes commit theft, armed robbery, and fraud to sustain their habits.

The illegal diversion, distribution, and abuse of oxycodone products, particularly OxyContin, appear to be concentrated most heavily in the East, according to respondents to the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) National Drug Threat Survey 2000 and DEA



reporting. OxyContin Tablet, commonly referred to as OxyContin, has become the oxycodone product of choice in Maine, Ohio, and West Virginia, and in portions of eastern Kentucky, Maryland, western Pennsylvania, and rural southwestern Virginia.

Kentucky-The Kentucky State Police reports that OxyContin is the drug of choice in eastern Kennacky. The Kentucky State Police in Hazard report a significant shift from cocaine and methamphetamine abuse to OxyContin and Tylox abuse. Iylox is another trade name accordone product.

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Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) Medical Examiert (ME) and Emeragency Department (ED) data ascertained the health consequences associated with its abuse from 1990 to 1996. The JAMA study found a 23 percent increase in the medical use of oxycodone with no corresponding increase in the illicit abuse of the drug. However, 1998 DAWN ME data reported a 93 percent increase in oxycodone mentions between 1997 and 1998 and the number of oxycodone-related DAWN ED mentions increased 32.4 percent from 1997 (4,857) to 1999 (6,429) to 1999 (6,429).

#### Opioids, Pain, and Addiction

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Several deaths have resulted specifically from the abuse of Oxy Contin in Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Pike County, Kentucky, Corone reported 19 OxyContin-related deaths during calendar year 2000. In December 2000, seven OxyContin overdose deaths were reported in Southeastern Kentucky by two Kentucky State Police posts. The Logon Duily Noses reported in October 2000 that four Hocking County, Ohio, residents overdosed on OxyContin over an 18-day period. Two of the four died. There have been at least four OxyContin overdose deaths in Pulsaki, Virginia, sincel 1981. Inday 1900. The Williamson Duily reported five OxyContin-related overdose deaths in southwestern West Virginia in May 2000.

OxyContin is designed to be swallowed whole; however, abusers ingest the drug in a variety of ways. OxyContin abusers often chew the tal tablets and snort the powder. Because water soluble, crushed tablets can be ster and the solution injected. The last lead to the rapid release and absorptio The alcohol and drug treatment saff. Comprehensive Care Center, Prestons reports individuals who have never it using OxyCortin intravenously and they aduly "profiferate like OxyCortin thans. The staff at this center has over 90 cepterines conducting drug evaluation."

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Source: Circinnati Police Dep Squad, November 2000

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## VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines (2003)

Citing the high prevalence and inadequate treatment of chronic pain, the VA identified pain management as a priority in 1998. Chronic pain management is a broad topic and the exact cause of pain is often multifactorial TE-SF-02764.00006 VA/DoD CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OPIOID THERAPY FOR CHRONIC PAIN Addiction and pseudo-addiction are behaviors a patient may or may not develop. Repeated exposure to opioids in the context of pain treatment only rarely causes addiction (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, 2000; Mullican & Lacy, 2001; Peloso et al., 2000). There are a variety of biological, psychological, social, and Department of Defense TE-SF-02764.00032 Version 1.0 TE-SF-02764.00001 TE-SF-02764

# FDA Website Guide to Safe Use of Pain Medicine (2019)



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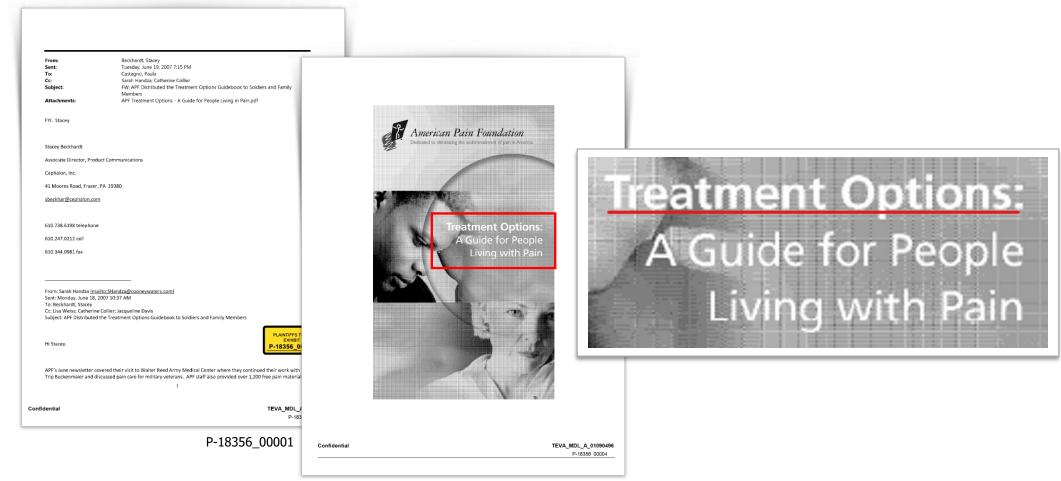
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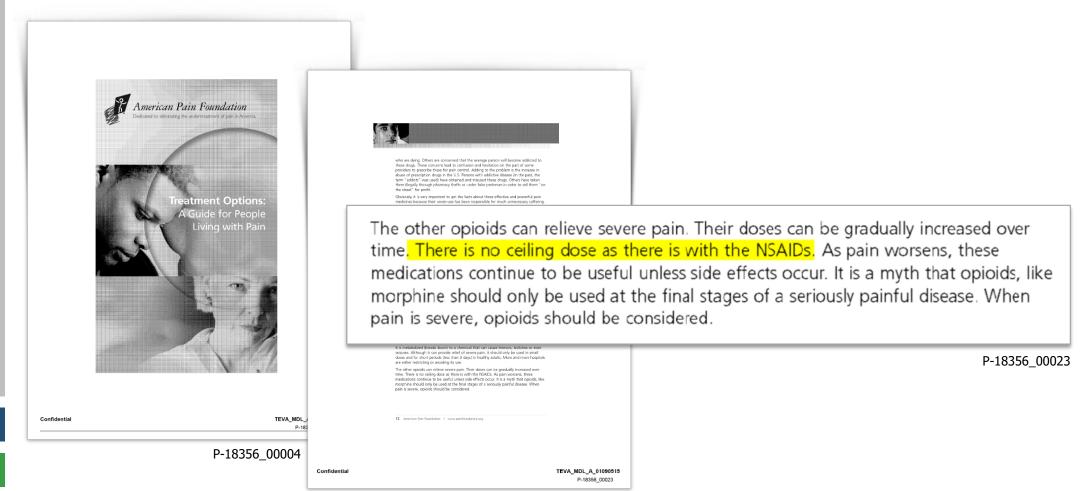
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# Treatment Options: A Guide For People Living With Pain American Pain Foundation (2007)



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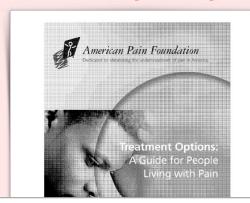
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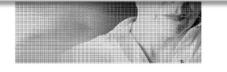
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§ 11156. Prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances to addict prohibited; exceptions; "addict" defined

#### Currentness

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- (A) Impaired control over drug use.
- (B) Compulsive use.
- (C) Continued use despite harm.
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## American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) (2001)







#### Definitions Related to the Use of Opioids for the Treatment of Pain

A consensus document from the American Academy of Pain Medicine, the American Pain Society, and the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

#### BACKGROUND

Clear terminology is necessary for effective communication regarding medical issues. Scienists, clinicians, regulators, and the lay public use disparate definitions of terms related to addiction. These disparities contribute to a misunderstanding of the nature of addiction and the risk of addiction, especially in situations in which opioids are used, or are being considered for use, to manage pain. Conflusion regarding the treatment of pain results in unnecessary suffering, economic burdens to society, and inappropriate adverse actions against patients and professionals.

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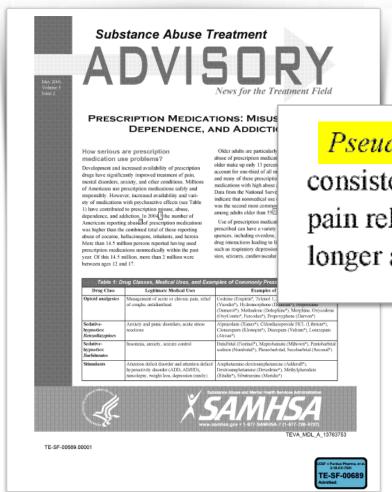
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# Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) (2008)



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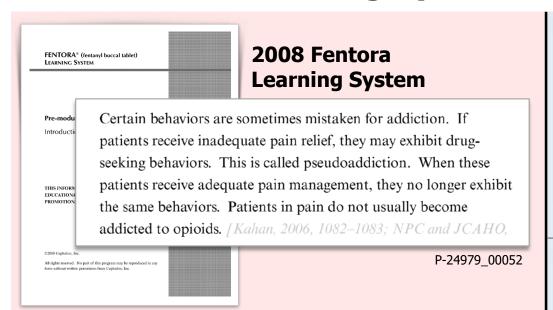
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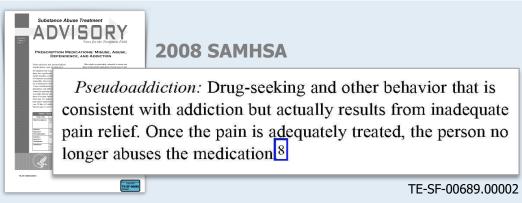




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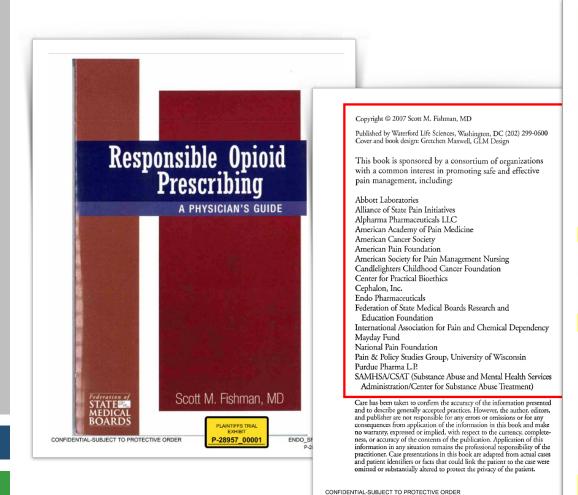
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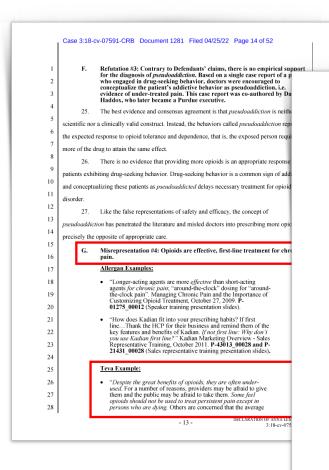
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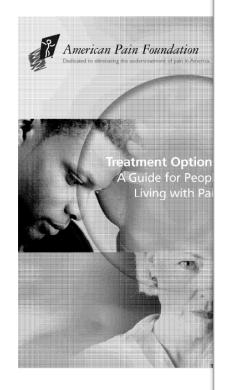
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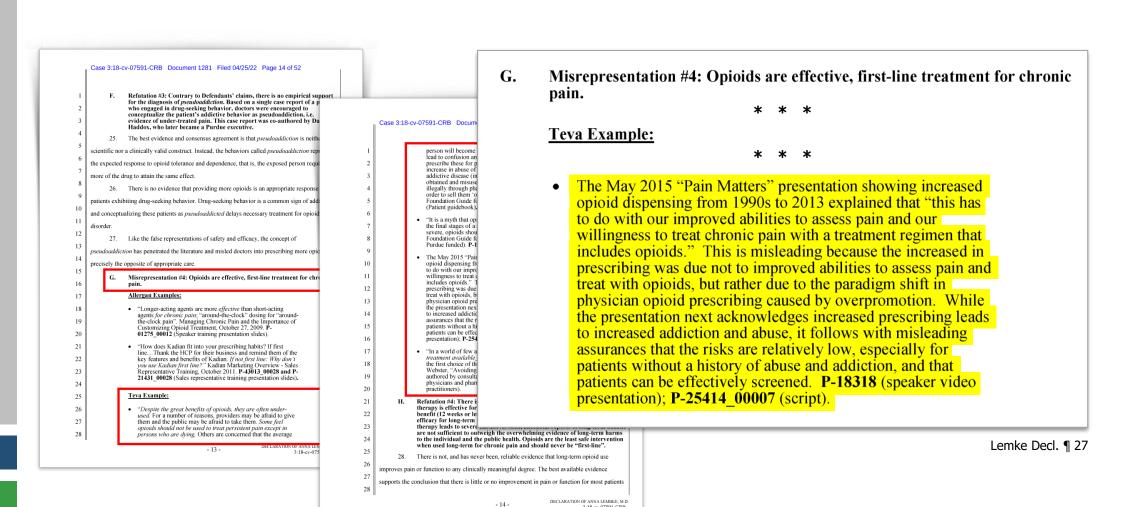
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- Implantable Devices and Surgical Interventions

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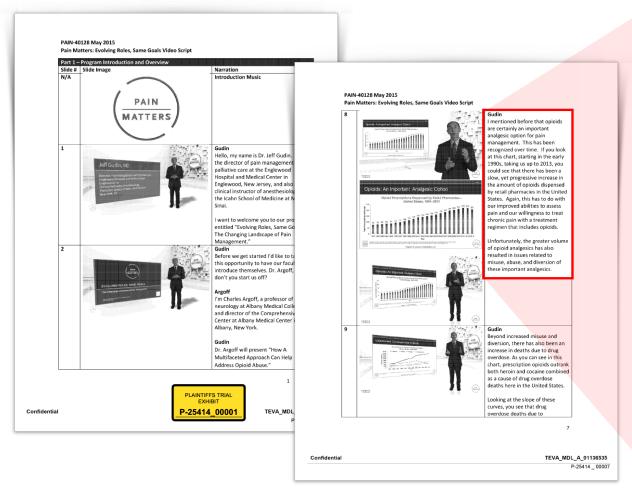
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## Pain Matters Script (2015)



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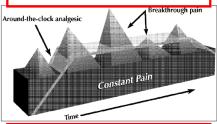
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Case 3:18-cv-07591-CRB Document 1281 Filed 04/25/22 Page 18 of 52 Case 3:18-cv-07591-CRB long-term opioids for chronic pain, while the risks of such therapy are significant and well-2 established Based on these sources, and on my experience as a physician having treated thousands of patients prescribed opioids for pain, it is my opinion that the evidence is insuffic to support initiating long-term opioid therapy for chronic pain in the vast majority of cases. 38 This principle must be considered separately from the proper care of the million of patients who were prescribed long-term opioids and are now physically dependent on ther to those patients, the best evidence supports the view that they should not be abruptly terminal or rapidly tapered due to the risk of severe withdrawal symptoms, and instead, it is my opini 10 that compassionate, patient-centered tapering should be offered Misrepresentation #5: Dependence is a benign and easily treated condition dependence on opioids is no different from dependence on other drugs, like blood-pressure medications, and breakthrough pain is not a sign of decreasing efficacy, but a sign of needing more potent and faster acting 13 opioids on top of longer-acting opioids. 12 Allergan Example: . "Development of Tolerance and Physical Dependence is a major reason some clinicians feel opioid therapy should be 14 limited for patients with CBP [Chronic Back Pain]. Most clinicians do not consider this a major issue, however. Although tolerance and dependence do occur with long-term use of opioids, many studies have shown that tolerance is limited in most patients with CBP. Physical dependence simply requires a most patients with CBP. Physical dependence simply requires a tapered withdrawal should the opioid medication no longer be needed." Kadian Learning System. P-27812\_000329 and P-02982\_00076 (Sales representative training manual). 17 20 21 **Teva Examples:** 22 20 · "Like patients, caregivers may need reassurance that few people using opioids for a legitimate medical reason become addicted to the drug, and that physical dependence to a drug is easily 23 21 overcome through scheduled dosing decreases, if the patient 24 22 improves to the point where opioids are no longer needed...
[Willis, 2007, 261- 262; AACPI, 2004, 6-7]; "Symptoms of 25 23 physical dependence are easily prevented by tapering the opioid dose instead of stopping it abruptly if discontinuing opioid therapy, [NPC and JCAHO, 2001, 17; AACPL 2004, 6]" 24 Fentora Introduction to Pain P-24979 00043 (Sales 27 25 representative training manual) 27 - 17 -28

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- "Physical", opioid on a regular basis for a few days should be assumed to be physically dependent. This does NOT mean you are addicted. In fact, many non-addictive drugs can produce physical dependence. To prevent withdrawal from occurring, the dose of the medication must be decreased slowly." American Pain Foundation Guide for People Living with Pain. P-18356\_00025 (Patient guidebook).
- "Fentany is also available in a lozenge. In this formulation, it has a quick onset and short duration of effect that makes it expectally useful for the treatment of 'breakfrough' pain." American Pain Foundation Guide for People Living with Pain. P-18356-00024 (Patient guidebook). This statement and the image below imply that adding fast-acting lethal opioids like fentanyl can address this problem. For someone at the very end of life this may be appropriate, but for someone with chronic pain, this type of intervention increases dose and with it risk of morbidity and mortality. Figure 6 illustrates the image that Teva used to describe breakthrough pain [Payne, 2007, \$3. Portenoy, 2006, \$66, Davis, 2004, 629] "Fentona Introduction to Pain. P-24979-00031 (Sales representative training manual). Figure 6 is reproduced below.



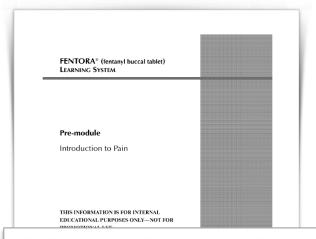
- "Breakthrough pain is often managed by adding a medication in addition to the drug used for the persistent pain. [Payne, 2007, S4-S5, Duragesic, 2008, 1]" Fentora Introduction to Pain. P-24979\_00038 (Sales representative training manual).
- "Third, frequent pain reassessment will help gauge the
  effectiveness of analgesic therapy. Assessment may help health
  care professionals choose more effective agents, titrate the dose
  or dosing interval appropriately, check the usefulness of the
  current route of administration, manage side effects, and assess
  the need for more effective breakthrough pain medication
  alongside the around-the-clock medication [Carver, 2005, 10-

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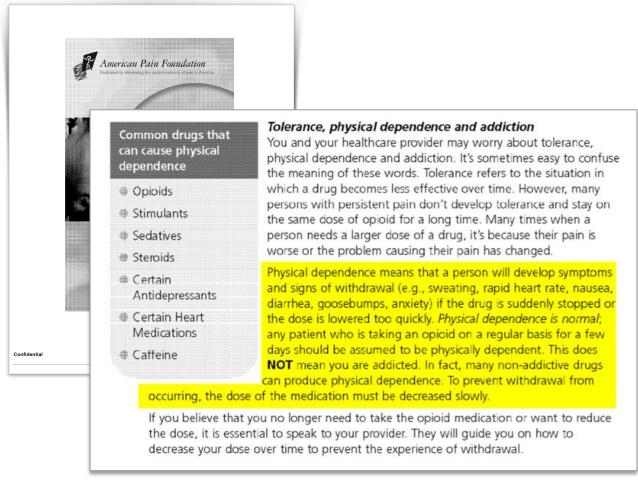
#### **Teva Examples:**

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- "Physical dependence is normal; any patient who is taking an opioid on a regular basis for a few days should be assumed to be physically dependent. This does NOT mean you are addicted. In fact, many non-addictive drugs can produce physical dependence. To prevent withdrawal from occurring, the dose of the medication must be decreased slowly." American Pain Foundation Guide for People Living with Pain. P-18356\_00025 (Patient guidebook).

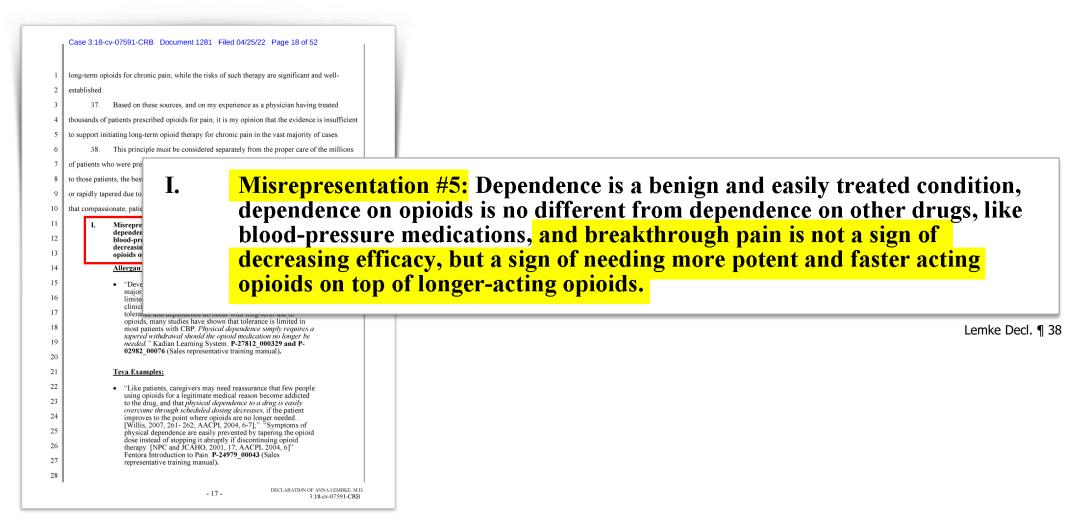
# Fentora Introduction to Pain (2008) & Treatment Options: A Guide For People Living With Pain (2007)



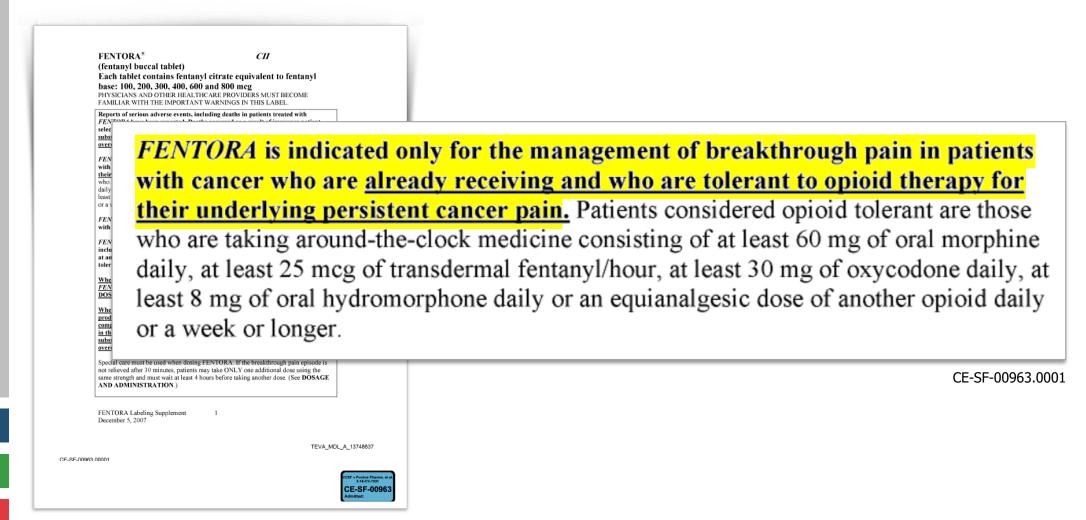
Family members/caregivers may worsen patient concerns and fears about analgesic use. Caregivers may lack information about proper pain management and its benefits. Like patients, caregivers may need reassurance that few people using opioids for a legitimate medical reason become addicted to the drug, and that physical dependence to a drug is easily overcome through scheduled dosing decreases, if the patient improves to the point where opioids are no longer needed. Because caregivers play an integral role in therapeutic success, it may be helpful for health care providers to educate both patients and their caregivers about pain management programs in a joint discussion. [Willis, 2007, 261–262; AACPI, 2004, 6–7]



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## Fentora FDA Approved Label (2007)



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42. Published studies show that when opioid legacy chr down or off of opioids, their pain mostly improves or stays the sam opioid therapy can make pain worse and getting off of opioids can

- 43. Even limited exposure to opioids through a doctor's persistent opioid use. In other words, once patients start opioids, th continue them beyond the time of injury, i.e. to become dependent evidence, based on numerous peer-reviewed studies, shows that be prescribed opioids for short-term conditions, such as post-surgery of persistent, long-term use and the resulting conditions of OUD or do base shows that the rate of persistent opioid use is greater with long opioid doses prescribed for a short-term condition.
- Conversely, the fewer opioids prescribed in the wee surgery, the less likely patients are to become persistent opioid use...

 Misrepresentation #6: "Screening tools" can ider addicted.

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- In Teva-sponsored 2015 video "Pain Matters", J stated "In terms of screening, there are various i we can use as healthcare providers to identify th abuse in our patients..." P-18318 (Speaker vide P-25414 00014 (script).
- "Avoiding Opioid Abuse while Managing Pain, authored by paid Teva consultant Lynn Webster Opioid Risk Tool (ORT) had been "validated in tests," and that "[i]n preliminary trials, the ORT predicted which patients were at highest and low displaying aberrant drug-related behaviors" asso abuse or addiction. P-10786 00097 (Guide for It

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# **Anna Lembke: Weighing the Risks and Benefits of Chronic Opioid Therapy (2016)**

#### Weighing the Risks and Benefits of Chronic Opioid Therapy

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Evidence supports the use of opioids for treating acute pain. However, the evidence is limited for the use of chronic opioid therapy for chronic pain. Furthermore, the risks of chronic therapy are significant and may outweigh any potential benefits. When considering chronic opioid therapy, physicians should weigh the risks against any possible benefits throughout the therapy, including assessing for the risks of opioid misuse, opioid use disorder, and overdose. When initiating opioid therapy, physicians should consider buprenor phine for patients at risk of opioid misuse, opioid use disorder, and overdose. If and when opioid misuse is detected, opioids do not necessarily need to be discontinued, but misuse should be noted on the problem list and interventions should be performed to change the patient's behavior. If aberrant behavior continues, opioid use disorder should be diagnosed and treated accordingly. When patients are discontinuing opioid therapy, the dosage should be decreased slowly, especially in those who have intolerable withdrawal. It is not unreasonable for discontinuation of chronic opioid therapy to take many months. Benzodiazepines should not be coprescribed during chronic opioid therapy or when tapering, because some patients may develop cross-dependence. For patients at risk of overdose, naloxone should be offered to the patient and to others who may be in a position to witness and reverse opioid overdose. (Am Fam Physician, 2016;93(12):982-990, Copyright © 2016 American Academy of Family Physicians.)

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trauma, perioperative care, cancer pain, and pain associated conditions. More than one-half of patients tions, see Table 1.6-8 who receive continuous opioid therapy for 90 days are still receiving opioids more than four years later.1 By sheer volume, family Chronic Opioid Therapy than any other subspecialists.2

supported by multiple clinical trials.3 How- key risk. Patients at increased risk of overever, the benefit of opioids for managing dose include those with medical comorchronic pain is limited. Chronic visceral or bidities (e.g., sleep apnea, lung disease, heart central pain syndromes (e.g., abdominal or failure); those receiving benzodiazepines pelvic pain, irritable bowel syndrome, fibro- or other sedative-hypnotics9,10; those with myalgia, headache, neuropathic pain) may problematic alcohol use; and those with psybe especially unresponsive to long-term opi- chiatric comorbidities (e.g., depression). oid therapy. Furthermore, the risks associated with chronic opioid therapy increase in a dose-dependent manner.4

American Academy of Family Physicians urges should be evaluated for these conditions.

pioid analgesics have histori- physicians "to individualize therapy based on a cally been prescribed for acute review of the patient's potential risks, benefits, side effects, and functional assessments, and to monitor ongoing therapy accordingly."5 This with life-limiting illness. Over the past sev- review explores how to assess and mitigate risks eral decades, opioids have been increasingly when initiating, continuing, and discontinuing dispensed chronically for many nonacute chronic opioid therapy. For terms and defini-

#### Rick Assessment When Initiating

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#### OPIOID MISUSE/OPIOID USE DISORDER

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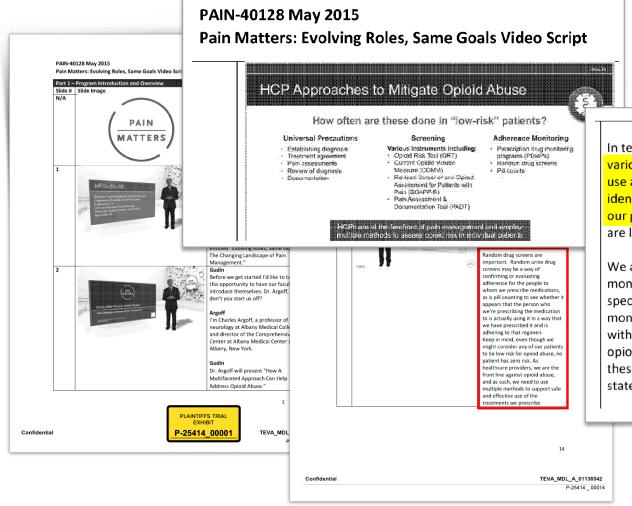
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### Risk Assessment When Initiating Chronic Opioid Therapy

Patients for whom chronic opioid therapy is being considered should be screened for risks and contraindications. Overdose is a key risk. Patients at increased risk of overdose include those with medical comorbidities (e.g., sleep apnea, lung disease, heart failure); those receiving benzodiazepines or other sedative-hypnotics<sup>9,10</sup>; those with problematic alcohol use; and those with psychiatric comorbidities (e.g., depression).

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## Pain Matters Script (2015)



In terms of screening, there are various instruments that we can use as healthcare providers to identify the risk of opioid abuse in our patients, and some of them are listed here.

We also have adherence monitoring approaches. State-specific prescription drug monitoring programs provide us with some insight into the use of opioids by a particular patient, but these may vary widely between states.

Random drug screens are important. Random urine drug screens may be a way of confirming or evaluating adherence for the people to whom we prescribe medications, as is pill counting to see whether it appears that the person who we're prescribing the medication to is actually using it in a way that we have prescribed it and is adhering to that regimen. Keep in mind, even though we might consider any of our patients to be low risk for opioid abuse, no patient has zero risk. As healthcare providers, we are the front line against opioid abuse, and as such, we need to use multiple methods to support safe and effective use of the treatments we prescribe.

Case 3:18-cv-07591-CRB Document 1281 Filed 04/25/22 Page 23 of 52 mere exposure to higher dose andF longer duration addiction. Patients can develop an opioid use proble Μ. Misrepresentation #7: Abuse Deterrent Formulations decrease risk and Misrepresentation #7: Abuse Dete addiction. Teva Example: · Teva's 2015 "Pain Matters" can "The pharmaceutical industry ha analgesic medications. One way **Teva Example:** through the development of abus opioids." P-18318 (Speaker vide 25414 00006 (script) Refutation #7: This is misleading deterrent formulations detracts fr people misuse and get addicted to Teva's 2015 "Pain Matters" campaign conveyed messages that oral formulations as prescribed. Although tamper resistant formulation "The pharmaceutical industry has also stepped up and is trying or inject these substances, that is no protection again to play a role in preventing the misuse and abuse of prescription taken as prescribed. Further, as with Opana ER, wh addicted persons were able to crush and inject it. analgesic medications. One way that they've done this is Opinion 5: Teva and Allergan diss through an aggressive sales force, through the development of abuse-deterrent formulations for curricula, continuing medical educ literature, clinical decision suppo patient advocacy groups, the Fede legislation, and The Joint Commis opioids." P-18318 (Speaker video presentation); P-Aggressive Sales Force: Teva and **25414 00006** (script). which was incentivized to target doctor's offices ar increasing the number of people exposed to opioids 51. Teva and Allergan use a host of proven strategies to influence doctor prescribing, Lemke Decl. ¶ 48 including but not limited to: a lucrative bonus system, sophisticated databases to target doctors

who are already prolific prescribers with a large population of pain patients, intensive sales training to provide specific language for how to talk to prescribers, speakers' bureaus to

disseminate promotional messaging to large groups of doctors all at once, free

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## FDA Guidance: Abuse-Deterrent Opioids (2015)

#### Abuse-Deterrent Opioids – Evaluation and Labeling

Guidance for Industry

Because opioid products are often manipulated for purposes of abuse by different routes of administration or to defeat extended-release (ER) properties, most abuse-deterrent technologies developed to date are intended to make manipulation more difficult or to make abuse of the manipulated product less attractive or less rewarding. It should be noted that these technologies have not yet proven successful at deterring the most common form of abuse—swallowing a number of intact capsules or tablets to achieve a feeling of euphoria. Moreover, the fact that a product has abuse-deterrent properties does not mean that there is no risk of abuse. It means, rather, that the risk of abuse is lower than it would be without such properties. Because opioid products must in the end be able to deliver the opioid to the patient, there may always be some abuse of these products.

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Prescription opioid products are an important component of modern pain management. However, abuse and misuse of these products have created a serious and growing public health problem. One potentially important step towards the goal of creating safer opioid analysis has

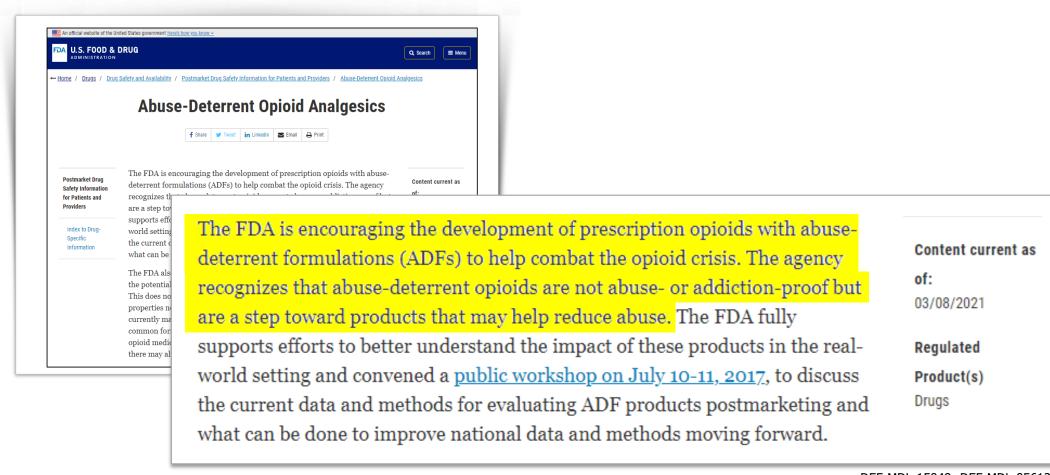
been the development of opioids that are formulated to deter abuse. FDA considers the development of these products a high public health priority.

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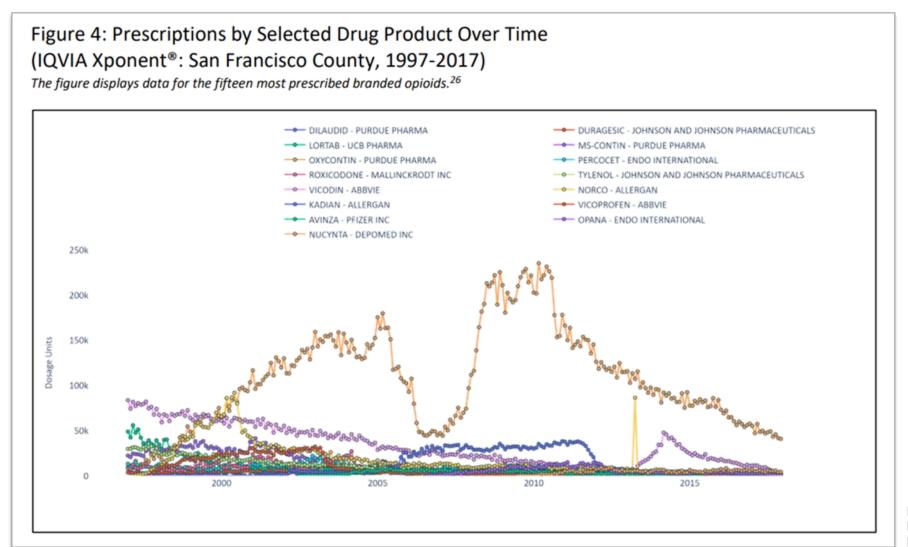
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### **Current FDA Website: Abuse-Deterrent Opioids**



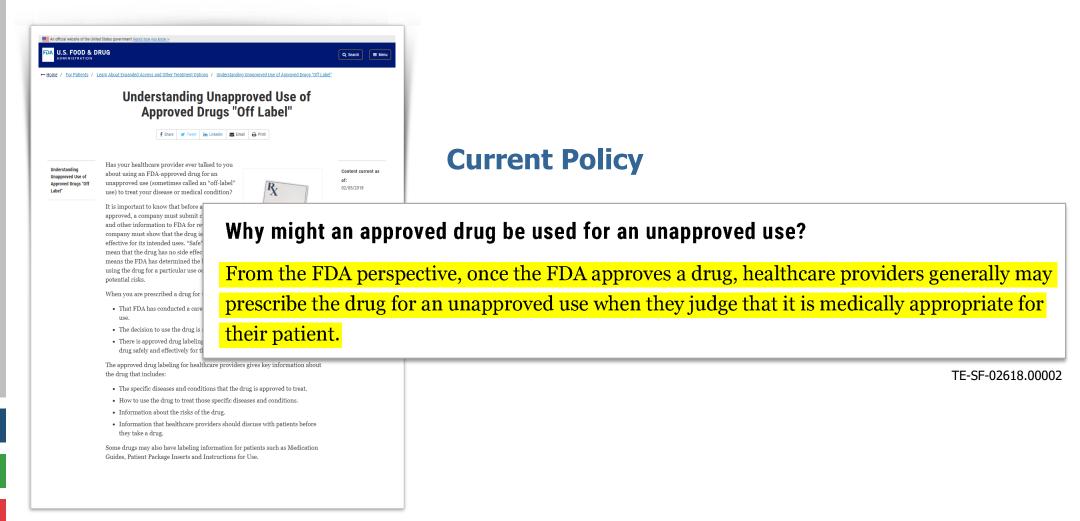
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# **Lacey Keller's 15 Most Prescribed Branded Opioids**



Plaintiff's Expert Keller Report, Fig. 4

## **FDA Policy Regarding Off-Label Prescriptions**



# San Francisco Area Sales Representative Testimony: No Off-Label Promotion



# **Tim Fortescue** (Cephalon Sales Representative)

- Q Did you ever promote Actiq to a prescriber for off-label use?
- <sup>2</sup> MR. CRAWFORD: Objection.
- 3 THE WITNESS: No.
- <sup>4</sup> BY MR. HILL:
- 5 Q Did you ever promote Fentora to a
- <sup>6</sup> prescriber for off-label use?
- 7 MR. CRAWFORD: Objection.
- 8 THE WITNESS: No.

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- Q Mr. Fortescue, were you ever encouraged
- 22 by anyone at Cephalon to promote Actiq or Fentora
- <sup>23</sup> for off-label use?
- MR. CRAWFORD: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: No.

# **Documents Containing "Misrepresentations"**

