OPIOIDS IN THE ED ED → TREATMENT: PROVIDER PERSPECTIVE

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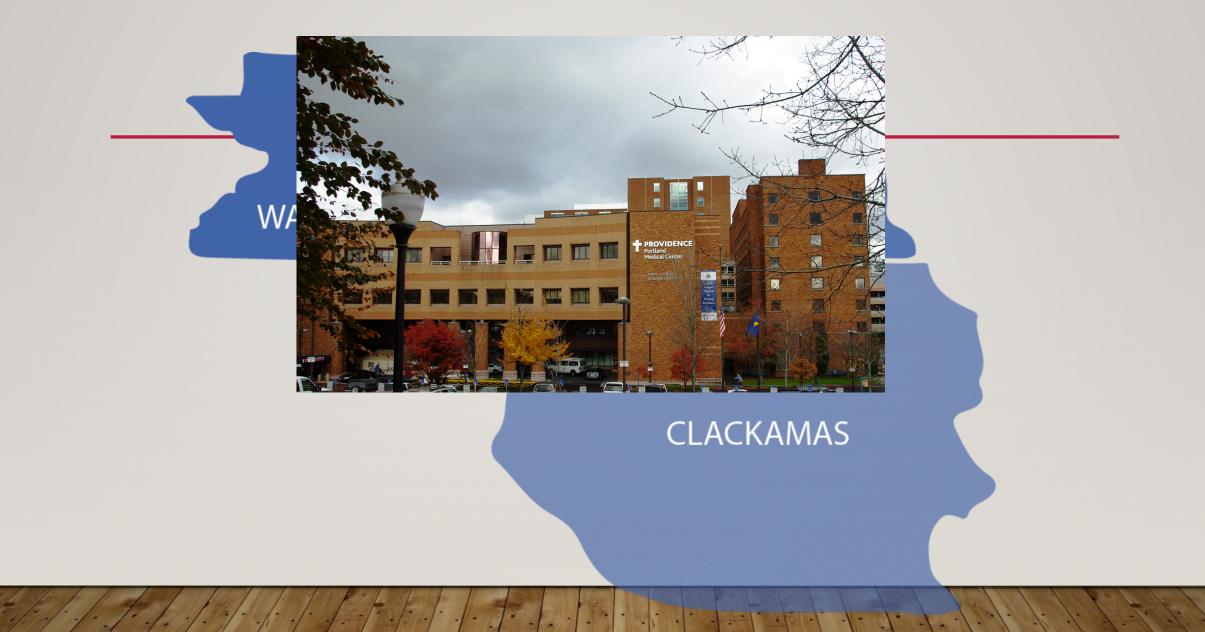
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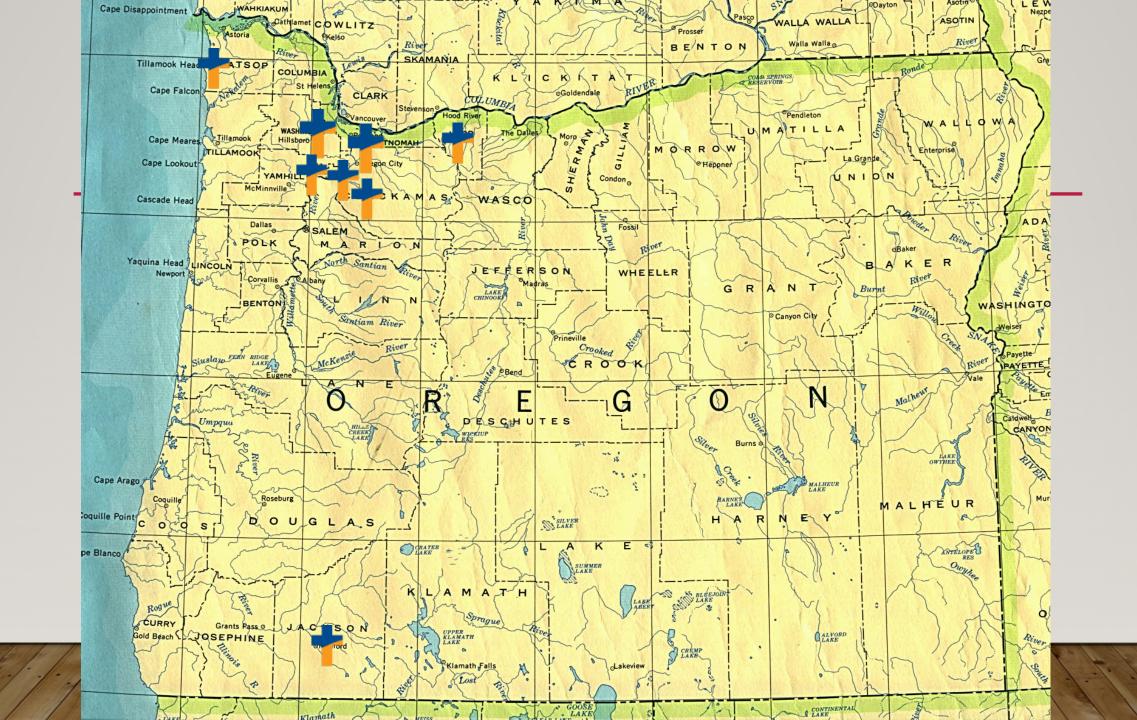
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OUTLINE

- Introduction
- Past State
- Present State
- Potential Future State
- Discussion/Q&A

INTRODUCTION





PAST STATE

• Since 2000 – Increased Rx Opiates + Cheap Heroin

- Overdose Deaths > car accident deaths and gun deaths
- "Worst drug overdose epidemic in US History"

• Few treatment options (essentially "referral" only)

PRESENT STATE

- 2011 Oregon ACEP ED "Opioid Prescribing Guidelines"
- EDIE Emergency Department Information Exchange
- ORPDMP Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- "Pain Management Program"

- EDs prescribe < 5% of opioids in the community.
- Of patients who die by overdose, only 1.5% of pills came from ED in prior 12 months

ANECDOTES – PATIENT IN THE ED

- Seeking treatment for opioid use disorder
- Seeking opioids to maintain addiction
- Seeking help for withdrawal symptoms
- Seeking care after overdose
- Seeking care for complications from opioid use \rightarrow home or admitted

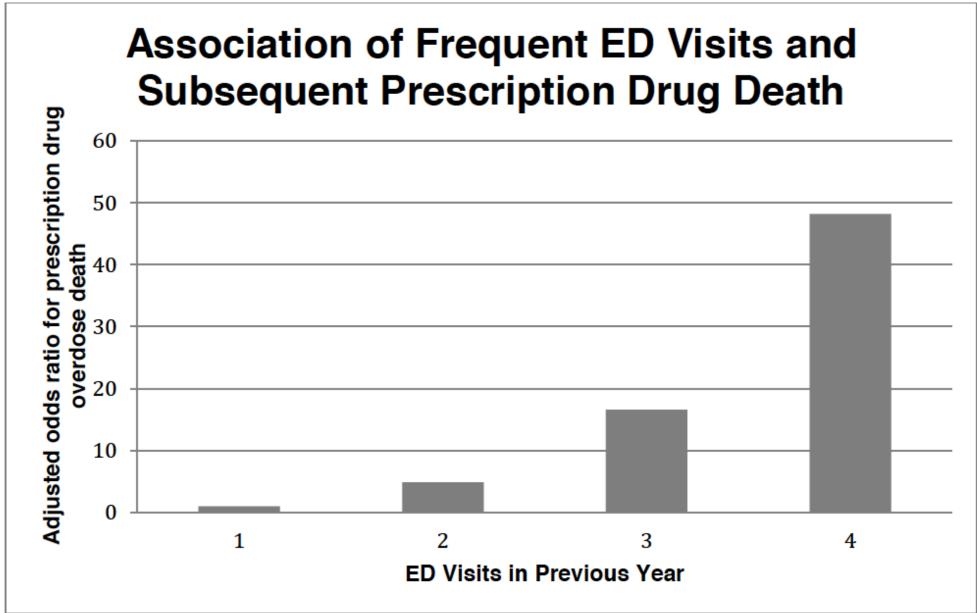
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FUTURE STATE?

• ED to identify/treat high risk patients

Figure 1. Association of Frequent ED Visits and Subsequent Prescription Drug Death¹⁹



FUTURE STATE?

- ED to identify/treat high risk patients
- Treatment initiation in the ED
- "Warm Handoff" from the ED

Original Investigation

Emergency Department-Initiated Buprenorphine/Naloxone Treatment for Opioid Dependence A Randomized Clinical Trial

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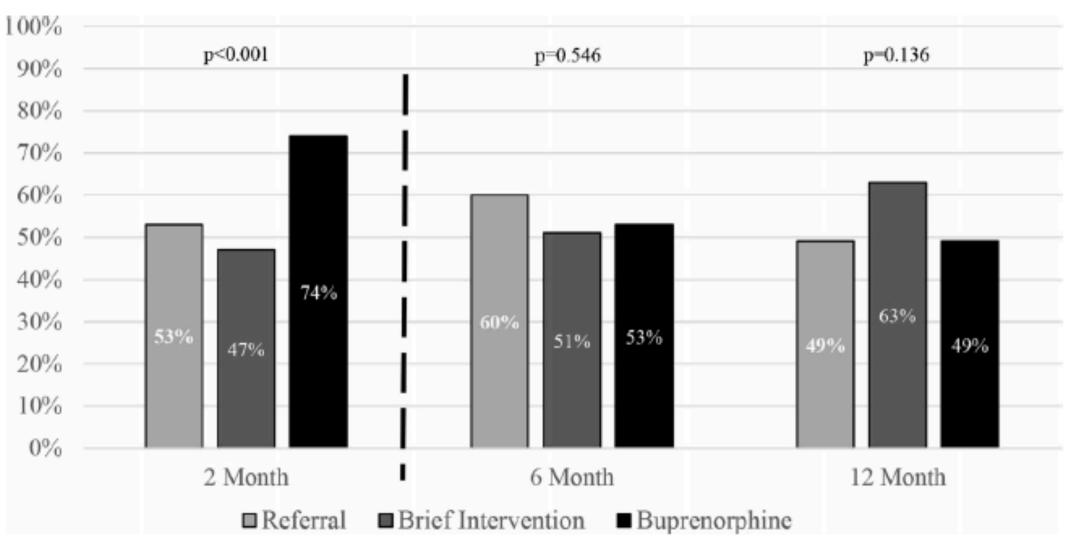


Figure 2 Engagement in formal addiction treatment.

FUTURE STATE – POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

- Lack of connection with community partners (ie no ability to handoff)
- Lack of capacity of community partners
- Lack of "buy-in" from Emergency Providers
- Patient related challenges such as housing, transportation, etc...

WE NEED YOUR HELP

- Work together to overcome stigma of "drug addiction"
- Treat Substance Use Disorder as a disease, not a moral failure
- Prioritize funds and legislative action to increase access to treatment

THANK YOU

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