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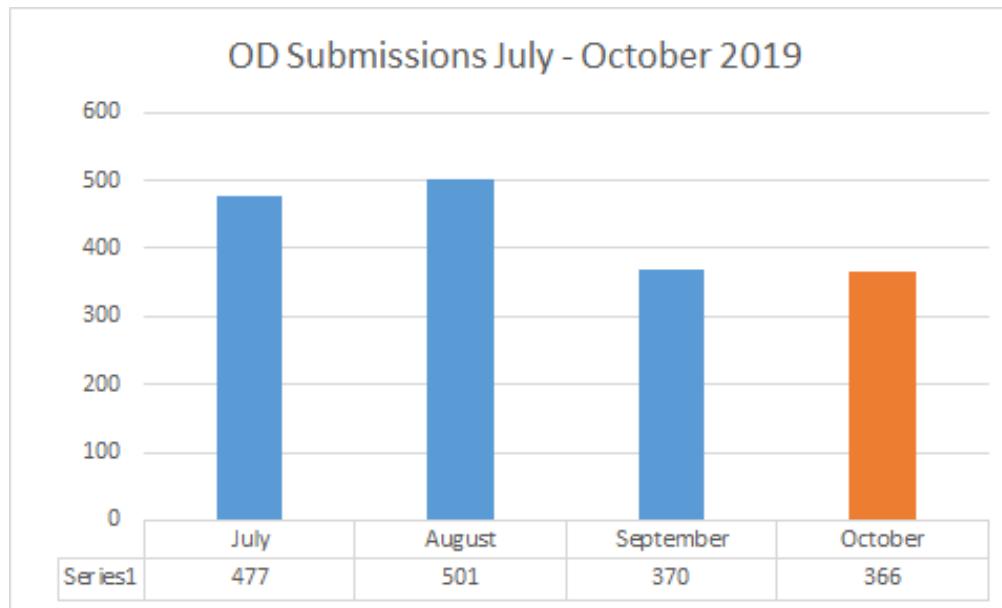
Statewide Opioid Reporting Directive Newsletter

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SWORD Statewide Reporting October 2019

In the month of October, there were 366 calls into the CT Poison Control Center (CPCC), which is down from September's report of 370 calls. Of these calls, 348 were non-fatal and 18 resulted in fatalities. There were 296 total naloxone administrations: 153 non-fatal multiple doses of naloxone administered, 136 non-fatal single dose naloxone, and 55 non-fatal with no naloxone administered. Four (4) non-fatal with "unknown" naloxone administered. Of the 18 fatalities, 5 received multiple doses of naloxone, 2 were given a single dose, and 11 with no naloxone administered. The gender breakdown for the state is: Male (240); Female (99).

The 366 cases involved suspected overdoses from all of our counties: Fairfield (85), Hartford (126), Litchfield (28), Middlesex (12), New Haven (83), New London (18), Tolland (6) and Windham (8). The age breakdown of the patients is as follows: 19– 24 years of age (23); 25 to 34 years of age (122); 35 to 44 years of age (93); 45 to 54 years of age (54); 55 to 64 years of age (43); 65 years of age and older (16).



This graph shows the total suspected overdoses called into CT Poison Control Center by month

KUDOS:

[REDACTED] and all who have called in SWORD cases to the CPCC.

Keep up the great work!

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ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - In the Last Month

Entries Per Day 3-Day Moving Avg

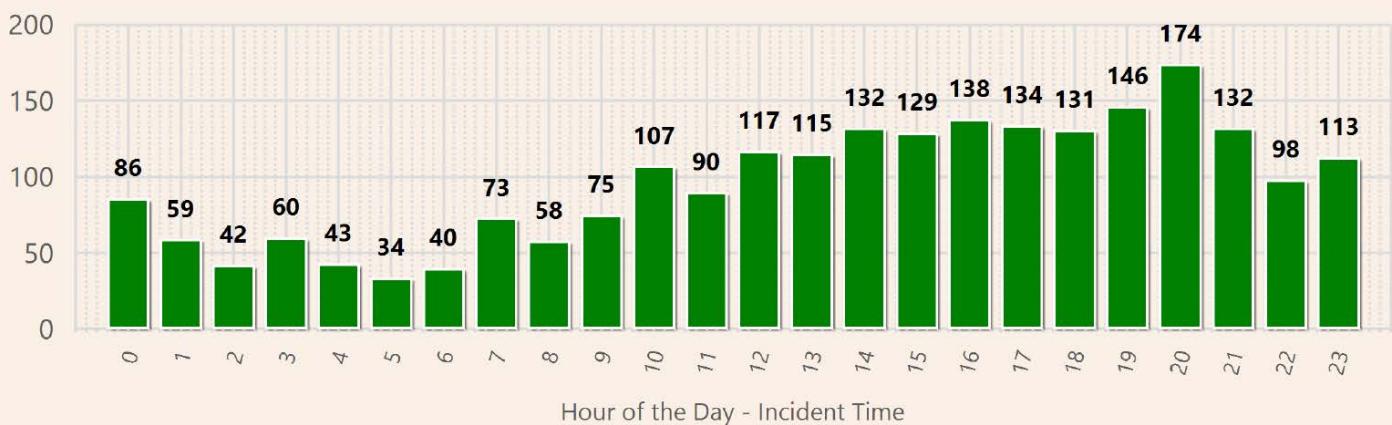


ODMAP Suspected OD Submissions by Day

This graph shows total suspected overdoses called in each day during the time period. The red line running horizontally shows a 3-day moving average of call-ins. The two red lines are the greatest number of submissions per day.

ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - All Data Submitted

Per Hour of the Day



Cumulative (June—October 31, 2019) Overdoses by the Hour of the Day

This graph shows the hour of the day suspected overdose incidents have occurred statewide since the SWORD program began on June 1, 2019.

Note: All data in this newsletter comes from reports made by CT EMS and can be viewed in ODMAP Level 2

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Why is Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Suspected Opioid Overdose Reporting So Important That It Was Made A Law?

In 2018, Connecticut Public Act 18-166, now Sec. 504 (effective July 1, 2018) was passed which requires EMS personnel that treats a patient for an overdose of an opioid drug, shall report such overdose to the Department of Public Health (DPH) in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health.

The form and manner became the Statewide Opioid Reporting Directive (SWORD) effective as of June 1, 2019. To date, Connecticut's top five reporting cities/towns have been: Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport, New Haven, and Bristol.

EMS is crucial in helping combat the opioid crisis for several reasons:

- Near real time OD surveillance data across jurisdictions to support public safety and public health efforts
- Description of paraphernalia, (bags), unusual symptoms
- Active role in impacting the health and well-being of our communities

It is through your reporting that we are able to:

- Use data reported to define spikes
- Coordinate the development of a response plan
- Develop a "bad batch" alert
- Coordinate with all stakeholders

Remember, every suspected overdose that EMS responds to is important to the larger picture of surveillance and response! Please, keep up the good work! Continue to report any suspected opioid overdose to CPCC at 1-800-222-1222. **Thank you for all that you do every day!**



The following are some of the bag stamps (street names) encountered in October: Code Red, Adult Content, Indian Chief, Jolly Ranger, It's Hot, Venom, Deadpool, For Deposit Only, Always Good, Vigilant 13, Hulk, Avatar, Lucky Strike. This information is shared with public health and safety officials and harm reduction groups, enabling them to better target resources.

*"Hook Me Up" bag with positive fentanyl test strip pictured



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