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POISONING IS LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FROM INJURIES IN THE U.S., AND NEARLY 9 OUT OF 10 POISONING DEATHS ARE CAUSED BY DRUGS

According to a new report from the United States Centers for Disease Control, in 2008 over 41,000 people

died as a result of poisoning.

Drugs—legal and illegal—cause the vast majority of poisoning deaths. Misuse or abuse of prescription drugs, including opioid analgesic pain relievers, is the primary contributor. Opioid analgesics are usually prescribed to relieve pain and include natural and semi-synthetic opioid analgesics such as morphine, codeine, hydrocodone, and oxycodone; methadone, a synthetic opioid analgesic used to treat opioid dependency as well as pain; and other synthetic opioid analgesics such as fentanyl and propoxyphene. Opium and heroin are not included in this class of drugs.

According to the National Vital Statistics System Mortality File, in 2008 poisoning became the leading cause of injury death in the United States. Nearly 9 out of 10 poisoning deaths are caused by drugs. Most drug-poisoning deaths are accidental.

In 2008, poisoning deaths exceeded the number of motor vehicle traffic deaths for the first time since at least 1980. There were more than 41,000 poisoning deaths, compared with about 38,000 motor vehicle traffic deaths. In 2008, 89 percent of poisoning deaths were caused by drugs. Poisoning was the leading

cause of injury death in 30 states, including New York.

More than 40 percent of 2008's drug-poisoning deaths involved opioid analgesics. Approximately one-third of the drug-poisoning deaths were not specified as opioid analgesics; "drug overdose" or "multiple drug intoxication" was written on the death certificate(s).

The largest part of 2008's 14,800 opioid analgesics drug-poisoning deaths involved natural and semi-synthetic opioid analgesics such as morphine, hydrocodone, and oxycodone. The number of drug-poisoning deaths involving natural and semi-synthetic opioid analgesics increased steadily each year from about 2,700 deaths in 1999 to over 9,100 deaths in 2008.

Opioid analgesics caused more drug-poisoning deaths than heroin and cocaine. In 2008, opioid analgesics were involved in nearly 15,000 deaths; cocaine, about 5,100 deaths; and heroin, about 3,000 deaths.

Government agencies and other organizations achieved reductions in the number of deaths from motor vehicle crashes in the past three decades. Improvements in vehicle safety; reductions in speed; improvements in roadways; increased use of seat belts and child safety seats; and efforts to reduce drunk and drugged driving contributed to the decline. The authors of this study hope that by using a comprehensive approach, it may be possible to slow the trend in deaths from drug poisoning.



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