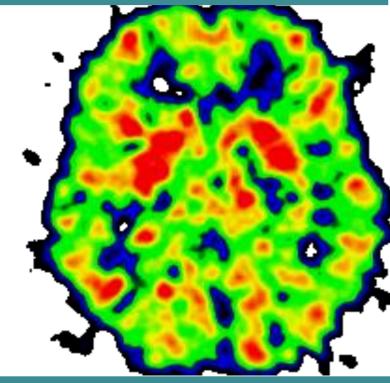
Advancing Addiction Science to Address the Opioid Crisis







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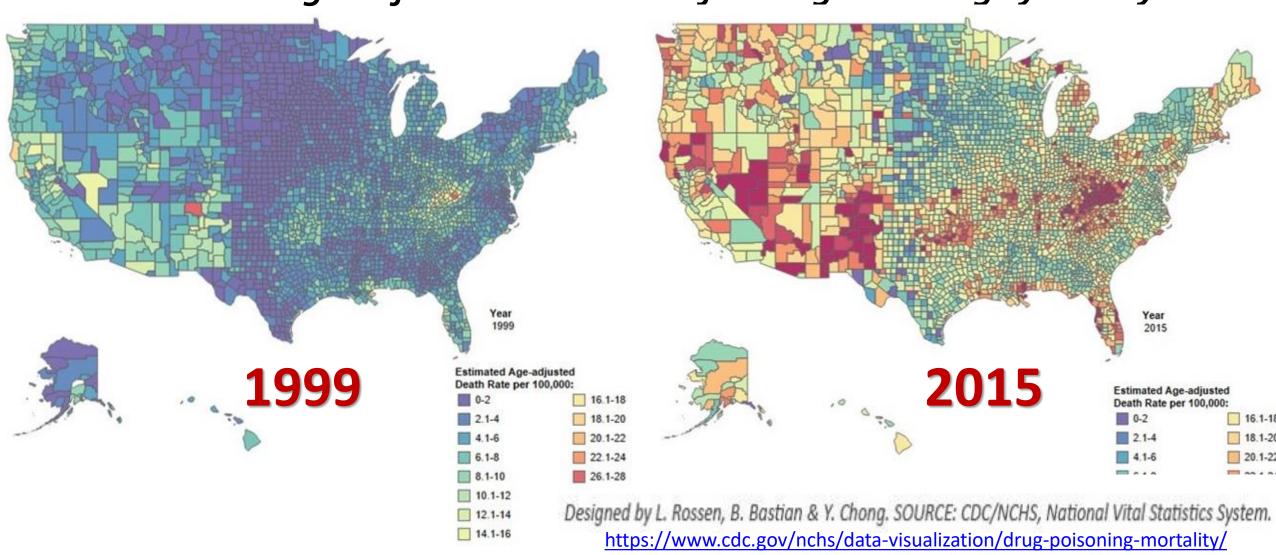
Deputy Director National Institute on Drug Abuse



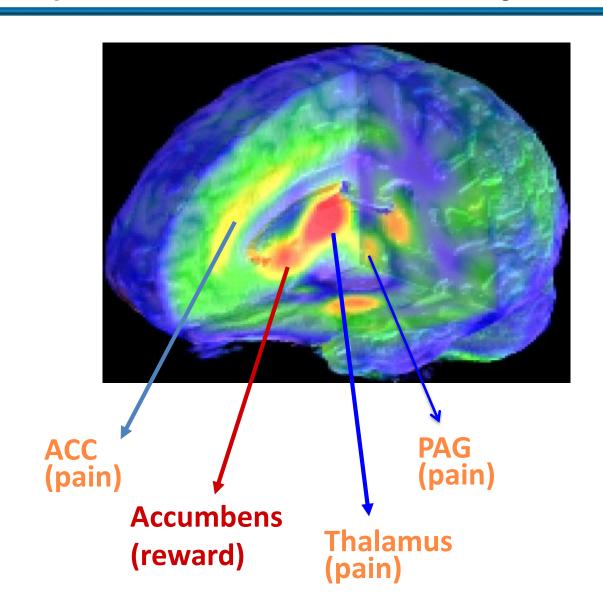
52,404 Overdose Deaths in 2015 (33,091 from Rx and Illicit Opioids

Geographic and Temporal Variation:

Estimated Age-adjusted Death Rates for Drug Poisoning by County

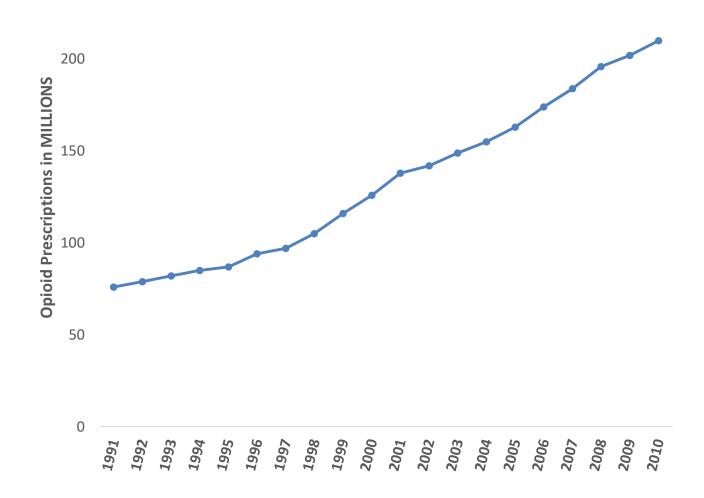


Analgesic Mechanisms of Mu Opiate Drugs (Heroin, Vicodin, Morphine)



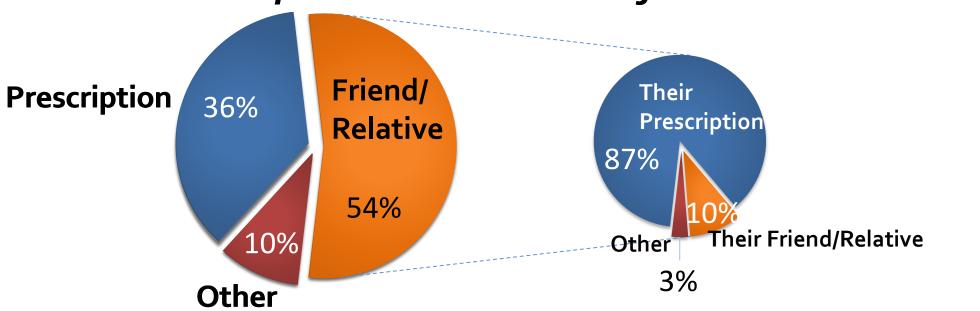
ENVIRONMENTAL AVAILABILITY: Current Opioid Crisis Originated with Prescribing Increases

Opioid prescriptions
Tripled to MORE THAN 200
MILLION prescriptions in
recent years



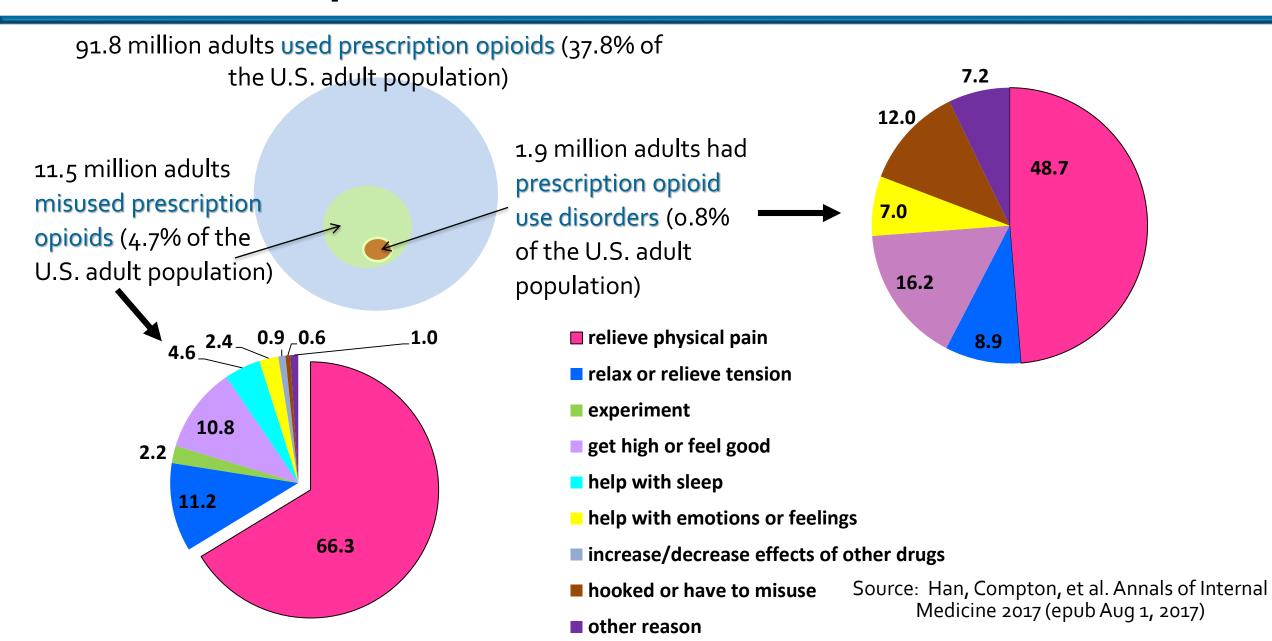
People Misusing Analgesics Obtain them *Directly* & *Indirectly* by Prescription

Source where pain relievers obtained for most recent misuse

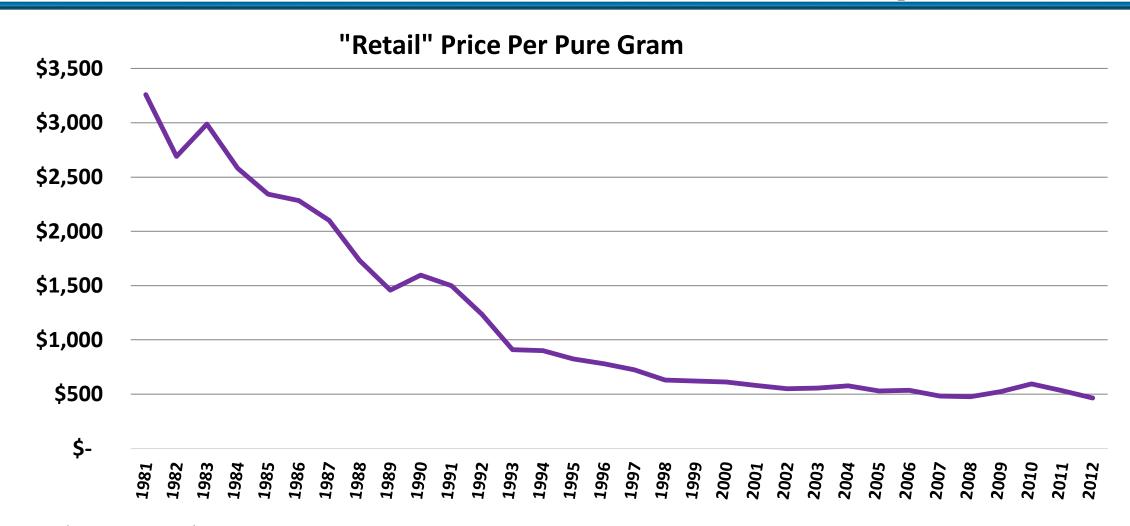


Source: Han, Compton, et al. Annals of Internal Medicine 2017;167(5):293-301

Inadequate Pain Treatment as a Driver?



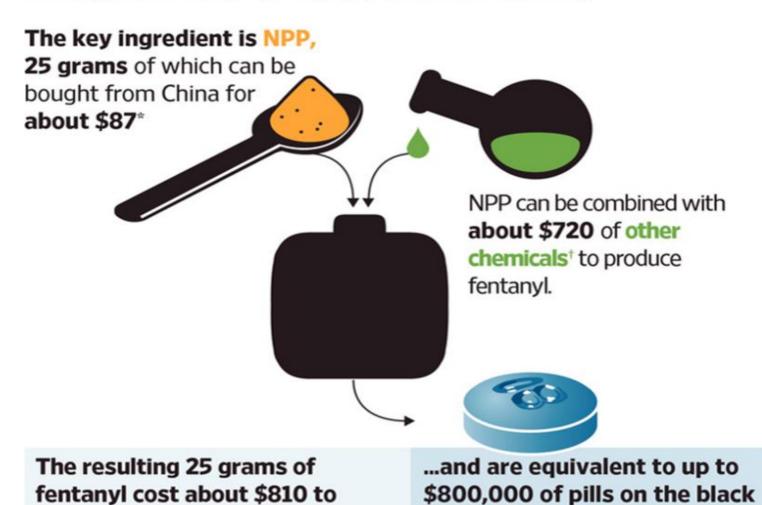
ECONOMICS: Heroin Increases Due to Lower Price and Greater Availability



ECONOMICS: CHEAP Fentanyl Precursor Chemicals

Criminal Chemistry

Traffickers manufacturing fentanyl often purchase the key ingredient from China, which doesn't regulate its sale. Here's how the chemical building blocks become a highly profitable street drug.



*Average current price from Chinese suppliers

produce...

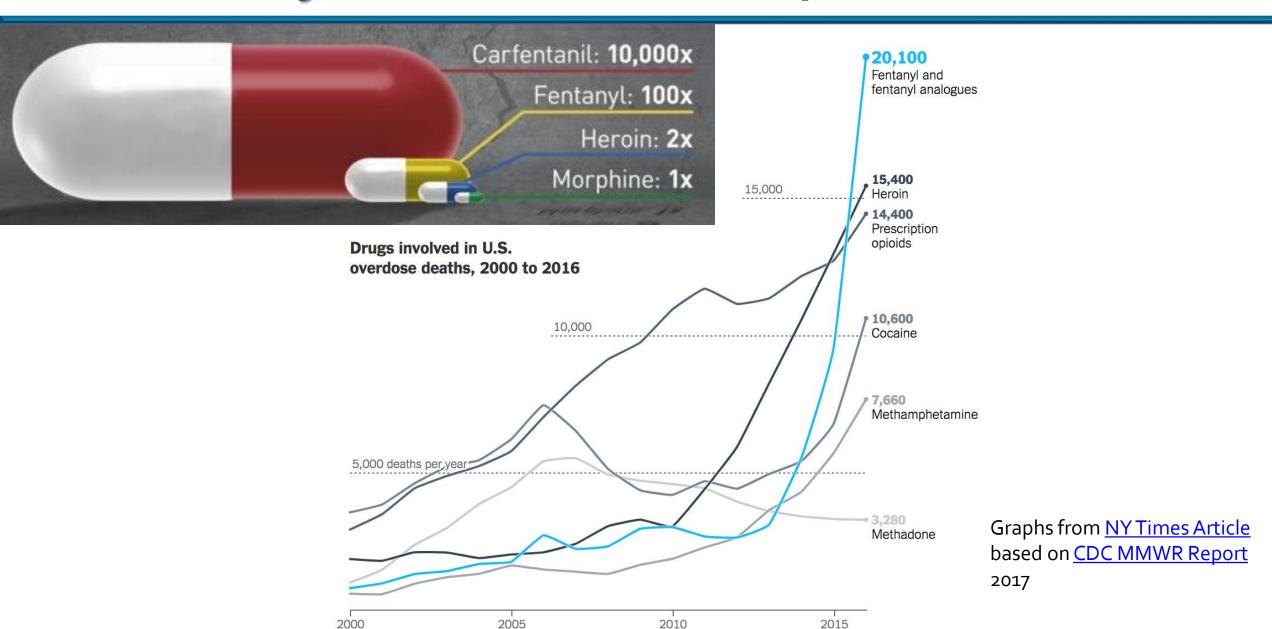
†Prices from U.S. suppliers

market.

Sources: NES Inc.; Drug Enforcement Administration; Calgary Police

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

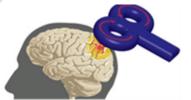
2016 Fentanyl-Related Deaths Surpassed Heroin or Rx



NIH Opioid Research Initiative Using Research to End the Opioid Crisis

PAIN MANAGEMENT

Safe, effective, non-addictive strategies



Nonpharmacological Treatments (e.g. TMS)



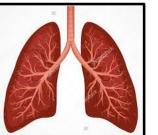
Biomarkers For Pain



New, innovative medications and technologies



Opioid Vaccines



Non-Opioid Analgesics

Respiratory Stimulation Devices

<u>OVERDOSE</u> REVERSAL

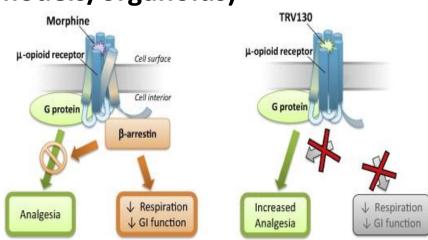
Interventions to reduce mortality and link to treatment

Multiple Potential Targets for Pain Medication but Multiple Challenges

- Regulatory high safety & labeling hurdles
- Poor predictive power of preclinical models
- > Heterogeneous patient population
 - Multiple pain conditions; wide variation in individual response
- > Lack of biomarkers in pain studies
- Limited clinical research resources No clinical trials network to coordinate pain treatment
- Limited cohorts of more homogeneous pain syndromes (trigeminal neuralgia, CRPS,...)

Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects in Pain

- > Data Sharing Consortium: share data on successful & failed drug development
- > Coordinated Clinical Testing of Novel Treatments for Select Pain Conditions in a Pain Research Network: Develop deeply phenotyped cohorts with select pain conditions
- > Develop and Validate Biomarkers:
 - Stratify pain populations
 - Predict clinical outcomes/response to treatment
 - Provide precise, objective measures of nociception ("pain-o-meter")
- > Re-engineer the Pre-Clinical Platform: Improve success of analgesic development through new pain models (including pluripotential cell models/organoids)
- Prevention of Chronic Pain
- Applying new technologies to discover novel pain targets



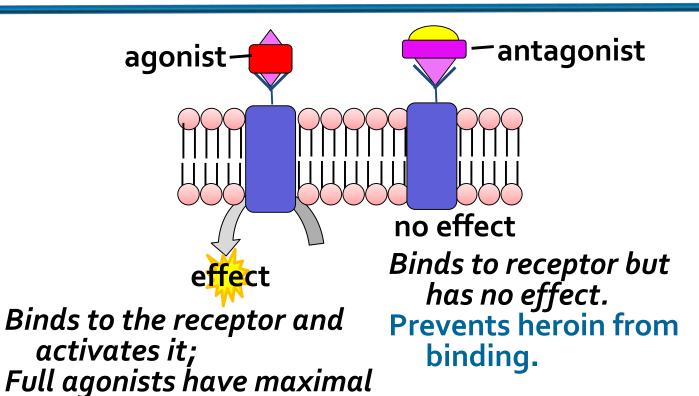
Effective Medications for Opioid Addiction

Full Agonist: Methadone (daily dosing)

Partial Agonist: **Buprenorphine** (3-4X week, or implant)

Antagonists: Naltrexone (monthly extended release)

Opioid Effect



Full Agonist (Methadone)

Partial Agonist (Buprenorphine (Naltrexone) Log Dose

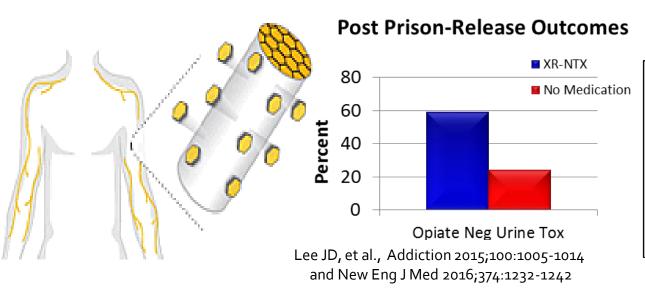
Partial agonist have intermediate effect.
Prevent Heroin from binding.

effect.

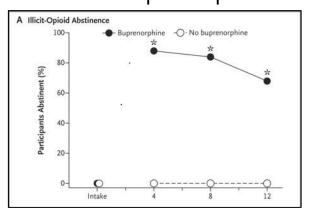
Science = Solutions

Science Driven Solutions: Improving Addiction Treatment

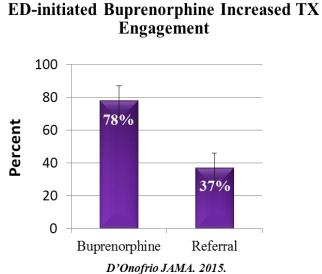
- Probuphine: buprenorphine implant; releases sustained dose for up to 6 months (FDA Approval May 26, 2016)
- Initiating buprenorphine treatment in the emergency department improves treatment engagement and reduces illicit opioid use
- Extended release naltrexone initiated in **criminal justice** settings lowers relapse rates and overdoses
- Abstinence from opioids over 12 Weeks with interim buprenorphine







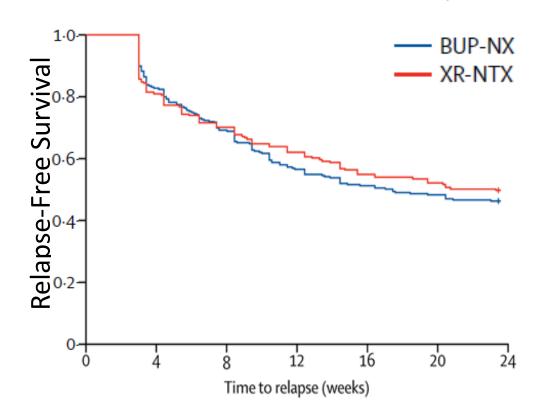
Sigmon SC et al. N Engl J Med 2016.

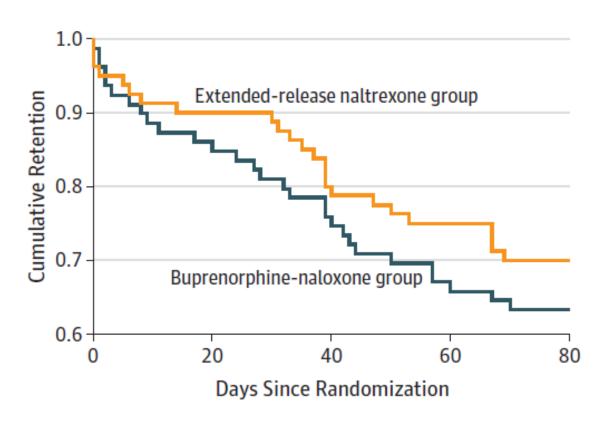


XR-Naltrexone and Buprenorphine-Nx Equally Safe and Effective In Preventing Relapse (After Induced to Medication)

Two studies found that <u>once inducted</u> onto medication outcomes were comparable.

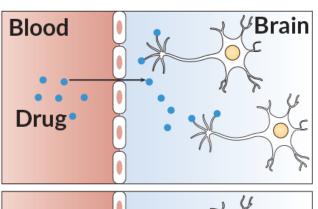
However, relapse rates were high for both medications.

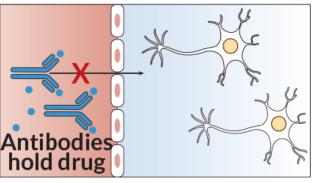




Monoclonal *Antibodies and Vaccines* to Treat OUD and Prevent Overdose

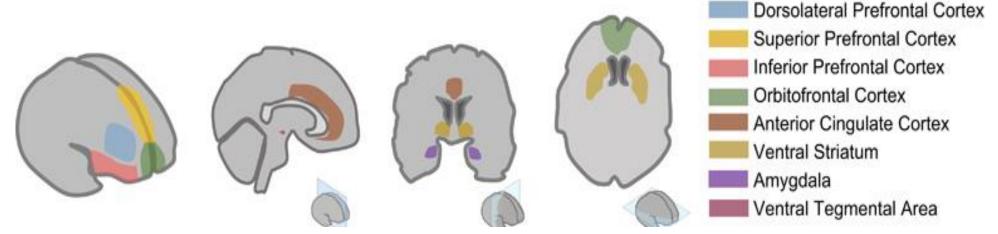
- Heroin vaccine validated in primate model in 2017
- First vaccine for fentanyl and fentanyl analogs reported in a mouse model in 2016
- Reduces drug reaching the brain
- Protect high-risk individuals against overdose





Bremer et al, 2017; Bremer et al, 2016; Janda and Treweek, 2012.

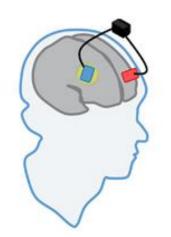
Non-Pharmacological Treatments for Addiction



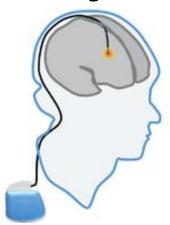
Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)



Transcranial Direct Current Simulation (tDCS)



Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Implanted electrodes emit electrical stimulation to targeted brain region



PPP for Opioid Use Disorder

➤ Medications for OUD

- Extended release formulations buprenorphine, naltrexone
- Drug combinations
- Alternative therapeutics (i.e. new targets, vaccines)
- Targeting endophenotypes/circuits

> Medications for overdose prevention and reversal

- Stronger formulations of Naloxone or alternative antagonists to reverse OD from synthetic opioids like fentanyl, carfentanil
- Vaccines and antibodies against fentanyl and analogs

> Devices to prevent opioid misuse, overdose prevention

- Devices to administer buprenorphine or methadone safely at home
- Naloxone autoinjectors
- Stimulation devices (TMS, DECT, Ultrasound, Peripheral stimulation)

Summary:

- Biological, developmental, and social complexities of substance use and addiction suggest multipronged responses.
- Medication development is key.

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