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Summit Spotlight:

[PDMP breakout sessions announced](#)

Descriptions of the six [PDMP Track](#) breakout sessions to be offered at the **2016 National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit** are now available.

The [PDMP Track](#) will feature innovations gleaned from national reviews of PDMP programs and the experiences of state PDMP operators. Topics will include features to include in a PDMP program, optimizing prescriber utilization of PDMP data, partnerships to disseminate data widely, and recommendations for using PDMP data to achieve a variety of goals, such as reducing morbidity, mapping areas with low or no treatment options, and identifying risky behaviors in patients, prescribers and pharmacists.

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Top Stories in the News:

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[White House proposes new funding for heroin, Rx opioid abuse](#)

Jayne O'Donnell, USA Today

President Obama will seek an extra \$1.1 billion to pay for drug treatment for people addicted to opioid medications and heroin, which the White House says kills more people than automobile crashes, officials said February 2. The extra money will be included in the upcoming fiscal year 2017 budget request.

[White House Statement](#)

In a [statement](#), the White House said the proposal "will not only expand access to help people start treatment, but help them successfully complete it and sustain their recovery. It will increase education, prevention, drug monitoring programs, and law enforcement efforts to keep illegal drugs out of our communities."

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['Chasing the Dragon' FBI film aims to reach kids before addiction does](#)

T. Rees Shapiro, The Washington Post

The faces on the screen are a cross-section of suburban America. One is an Eagle Scout. Another is a cheerleader. There's a mother of an infant child and a corporate account executive clearing six figures a year.

All abused prescription painkillers, a common trait that has them appearing in a new documentary, "Chasing the Dragon," produced at the behest of FBI director James Comey. The searing film featuring testimony from overdose survivors is part of a revamped effort by the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration to address a health crisis that they say has quietly destroyed countless lives and kills tens of thousands of people each year.

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[How drug warnings slipped by in the 'Dr. Death' case](#)

Tammy Joyner and Willoughby Mariano, The Atlanta-Journal Constitution

If the allegations are true, Jonesboro psychiatrist Narendra Nagareddy may be the deadliest doctor in Georgia. Law enforcement officials say he may be responsible for the deaths of 36 patients.

Yet as the death toll mounted, none of the state safeguards designed to protect the public managed to stop Nagareddy, an Atlanta Journal-Constitution investigation found.

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[College marijuana use linked with skipped classes, lower grades and late graduation](#)

Celia Vimont, Join Together

A new study finds marijuana use in the first year of college can lead to students

missing classes. The more frequently a student uses marijuana, the more they tend to skip class, earn lower grades, and graduate later.

Researchers at the University of Maryland School of Public Health followed 1,117 college students for eight years to test the direct and indirect effects on marijuana use on GPA and time to graduation. The findings are part of a larger study, called the College Life Study, which began in 2003.

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