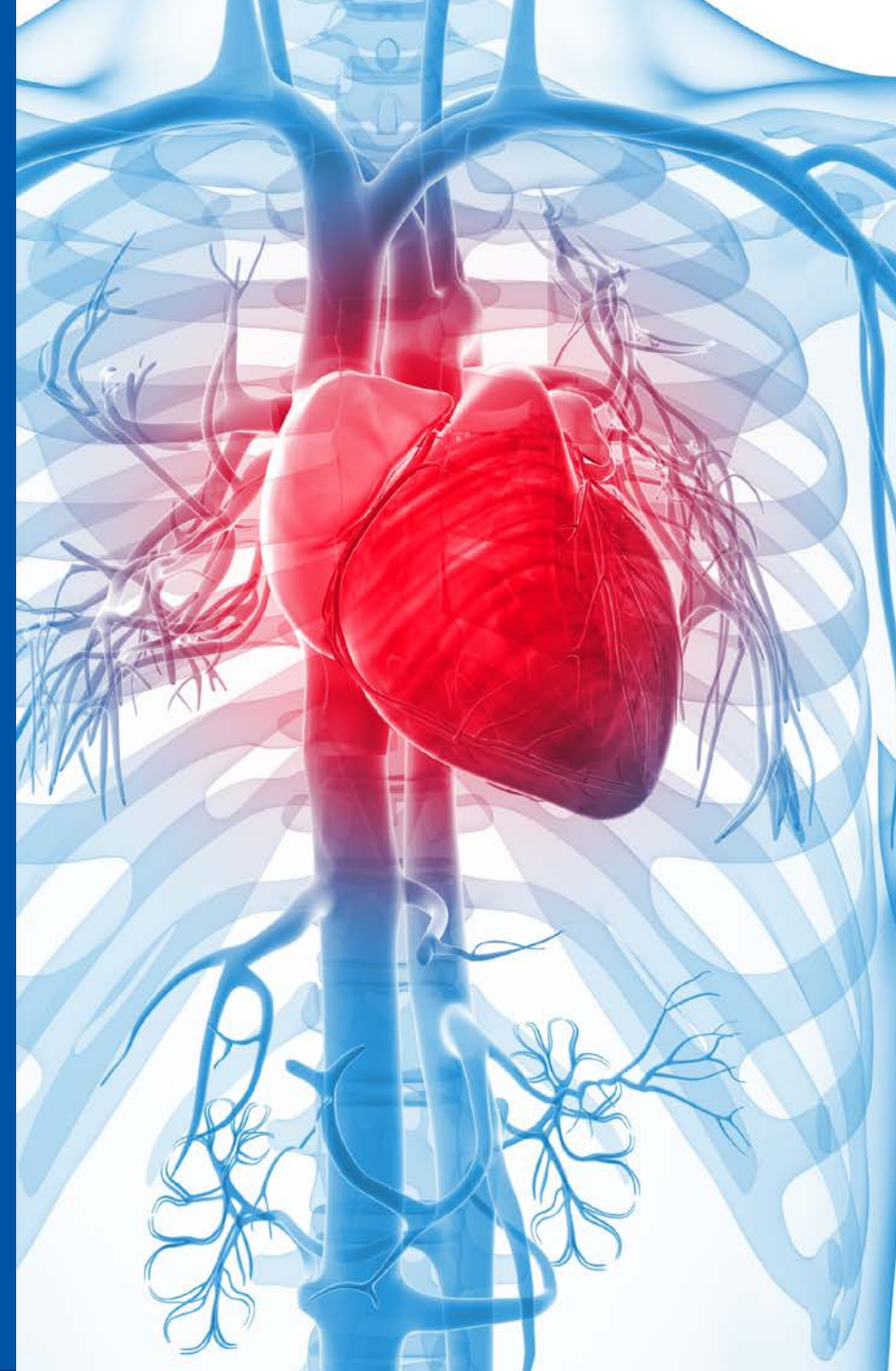




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# Complications, Conditions and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease and Substance Use Disorders

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# Disclosures

None



# Education Need/Practice Gap

A major educational gap exists in the clinical knowledge and care management of cardiovascular risk in substance use disorders. Providers need to be aware of best practices to reduce cardiovascular risk in addiction and substance abuse.



# Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this learning activity, you will be able to:

1. Describe CV complications of opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders.
- 2 Describe pharmacotherapies for treatment of opioid use disorder.
3. Discuss strategies to integrate treatment of opioid use disorder in chronic disease management.



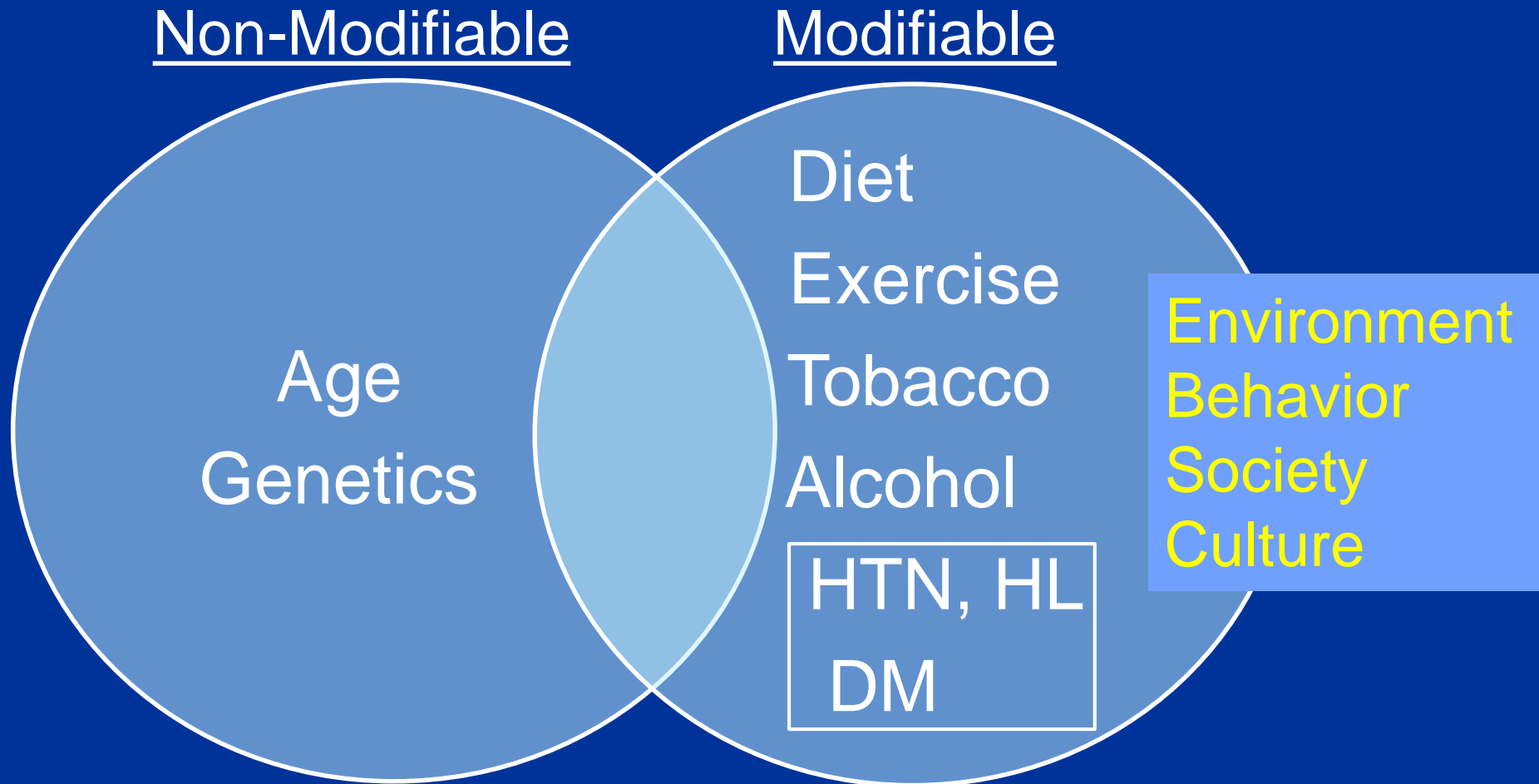
# Expected Outcome

The desired change/result in practice is to improve care coordination and cardiovascular risk reduction approaches in addiction medicine.

# Outline

- Screening and diagnosis of substance use disorders
- Cardiovascular effects of stimulants
- Cardiovascular complications of opioid use disorder and treatment of opioid use disorder

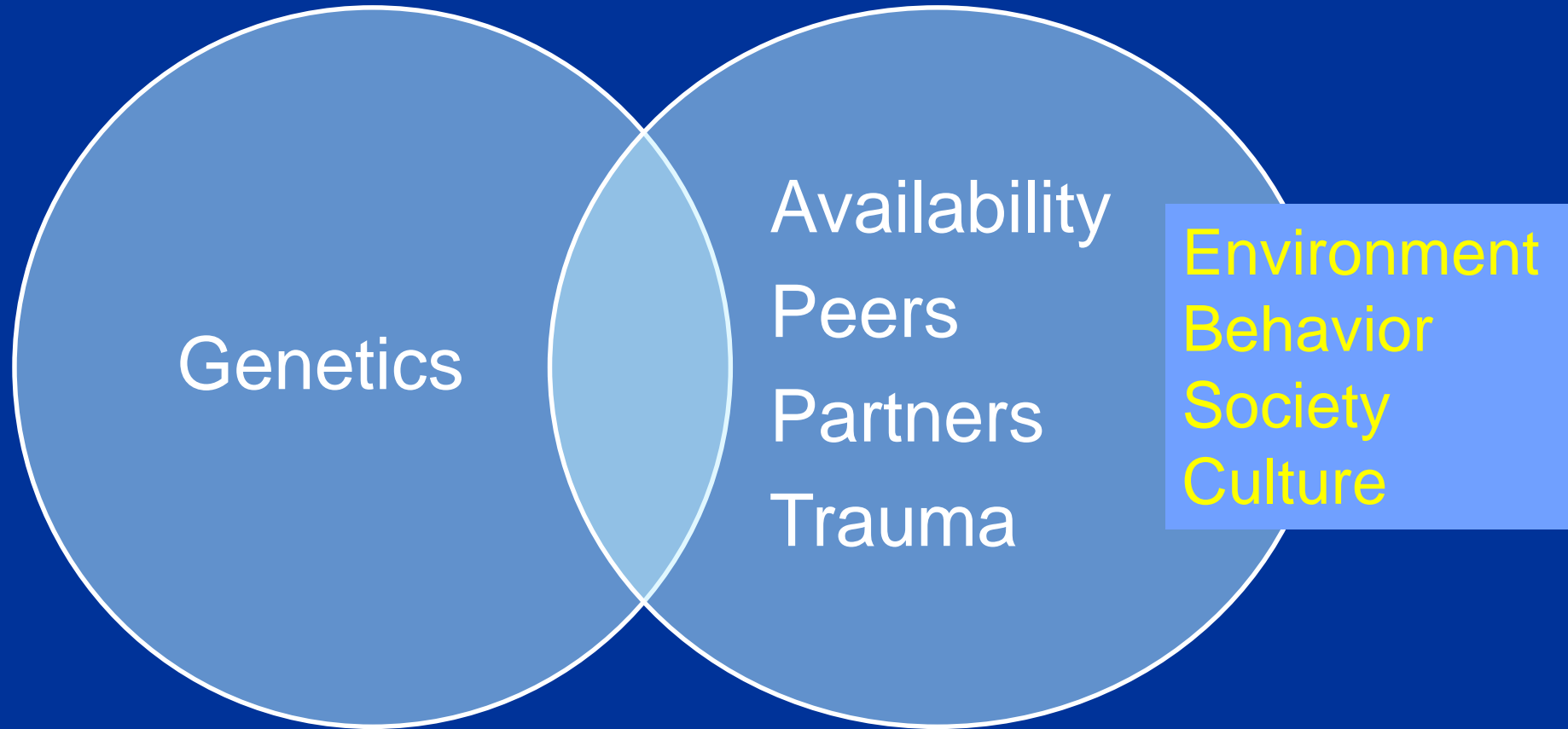
# Coronary Artery Disease



# Substance Use Disorders

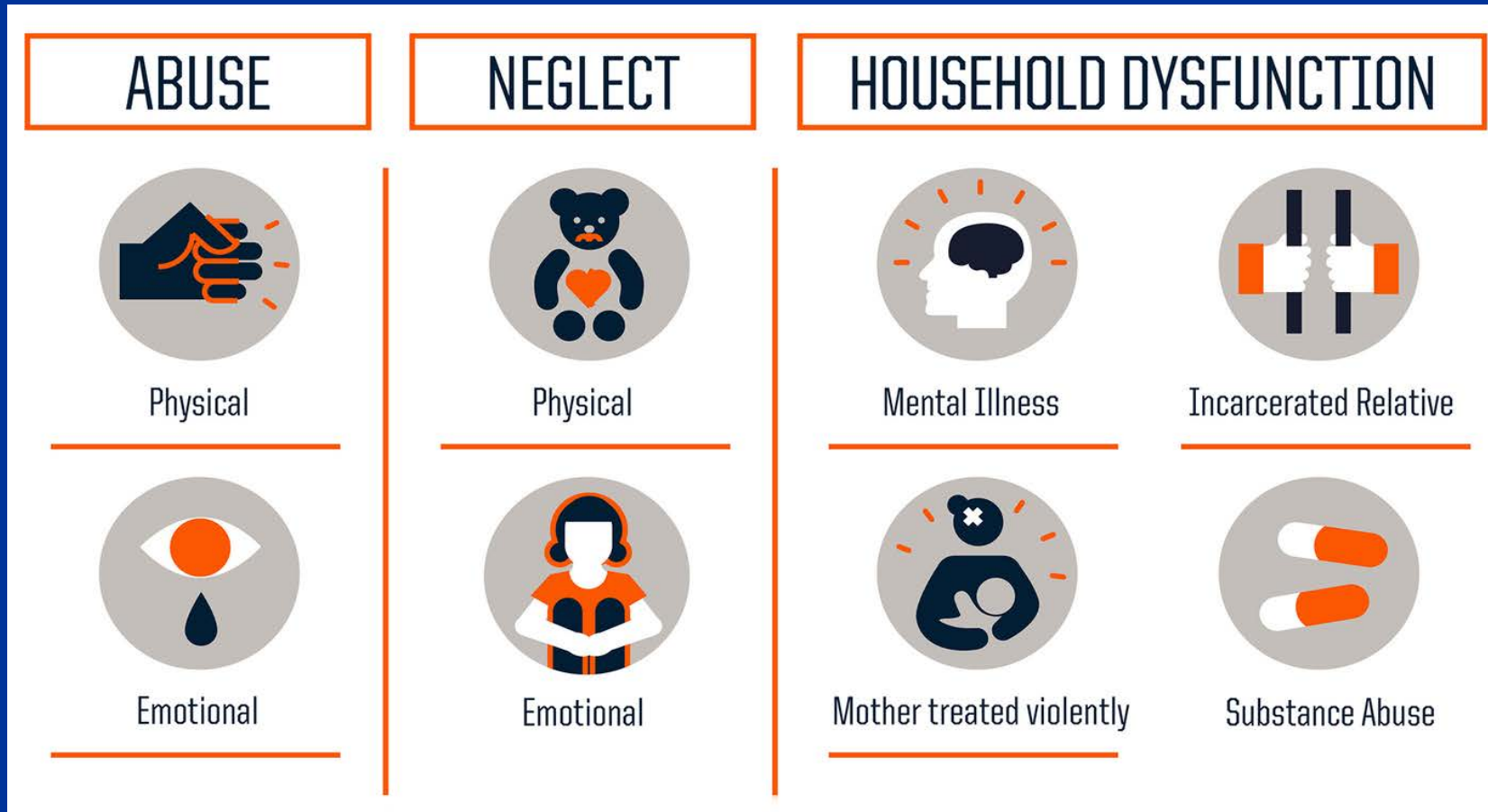
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# Adverse Childhood Experiences



- 1 ACE: 2x odds being ever addicted to drugs
- 5+ ACE: 10x odds ever injecting drugs

# Screening for Substance Use

- NIDA Quick Screen – [www.drugabuse.gov/nmassist/](http://www.drugabuse.gov/nmassist/)

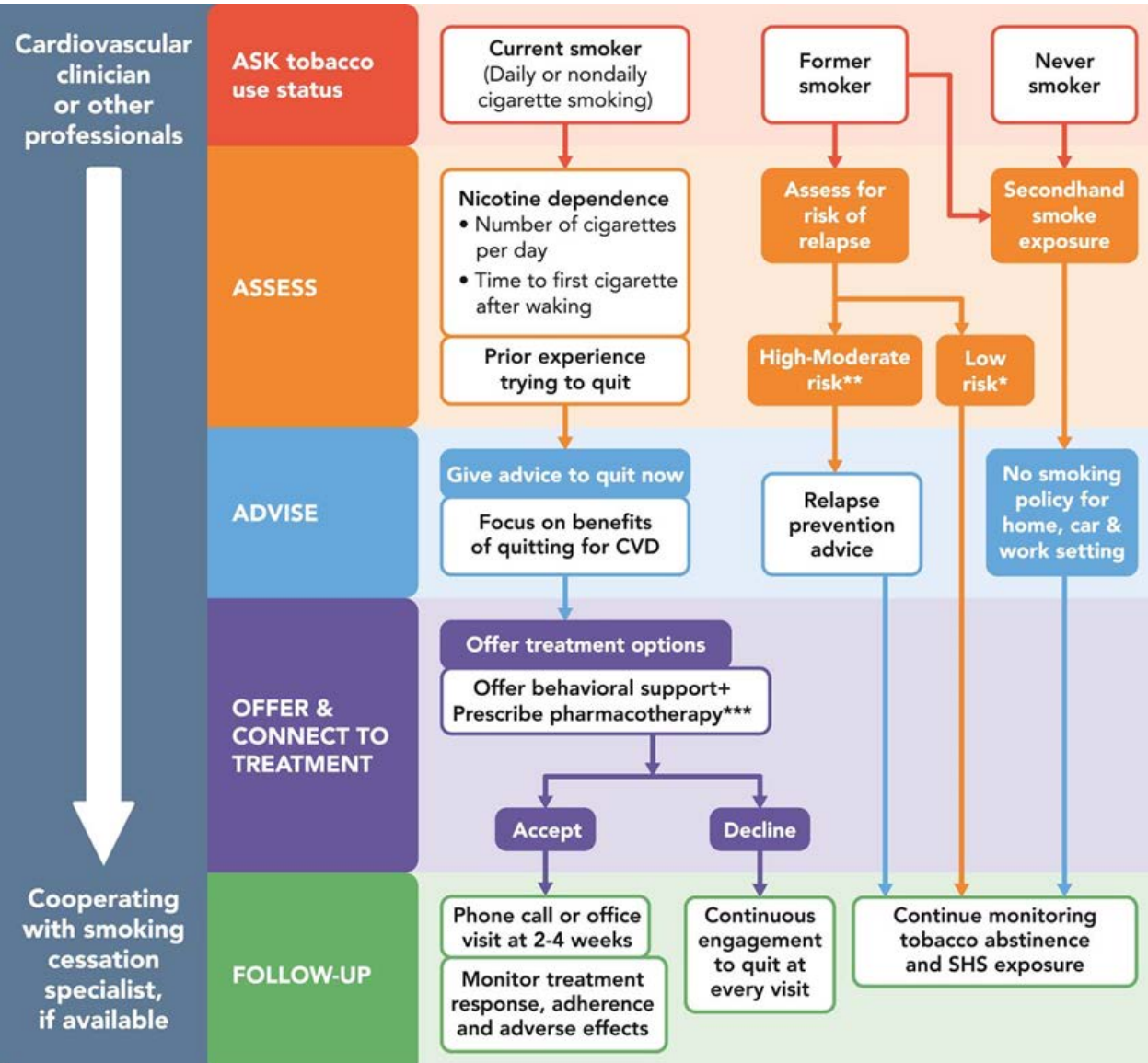
<b>Quick Screen Question:</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Once or Twice</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Daily or Almost Daily</b>
<b><u>In the past year</u>, how often have you used the following?</b>					
<b>Alcohol</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For men, 5 or more drinks a day</li> <li>• For women, 4 or more drinks a day</li> </ul>					
<b>Tobacco Products</b>					
<b>Prescription Drugs for Non-Medical Reasons</b>					
<b>Illegal Drugs</b>					

# 2018 ACC Tobacco Cessation Treatment

- CDC: 50% of people who smoke receive advice to quit from a health professional



J Am Coll Cardiol. Dec 2018; in press.



# Substance Use Disorder (DSM-5)

## Physiologic sequelae

- Tolerance
- Withdrawal
- Craving

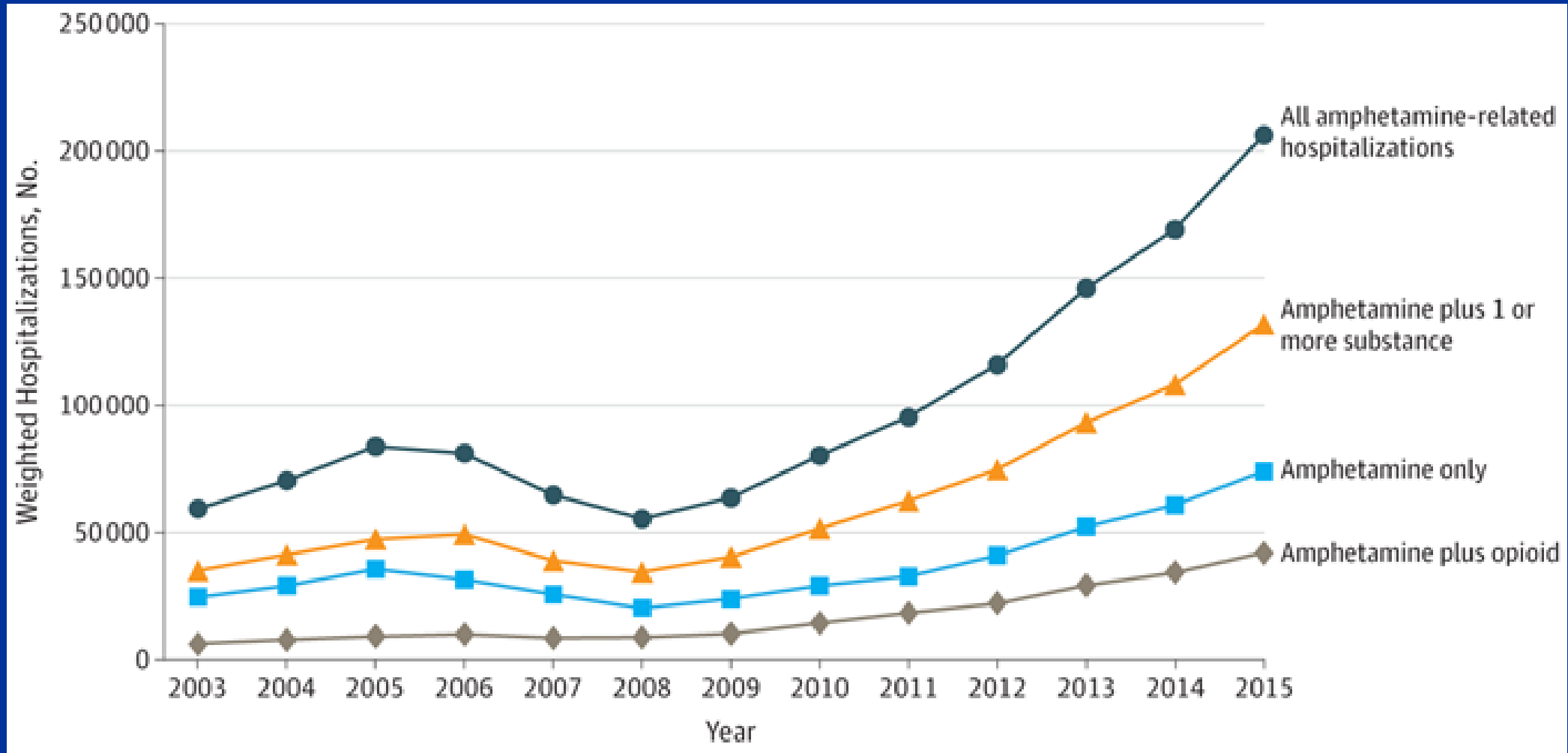
## Loss of control

- Greater amount / time than intended
- Persistent desire to but unable to cut down
- Excessive time getting, using, recovering

## Adverse consequences

- Failure to fulfill responsibilities
- Use in physically hazardous situations
- Social/interpersonal problems
- Give up or ↓ other important parts of life
- Ongoing use despite these problems

# Methamphetamine-Involved Hospitalizations



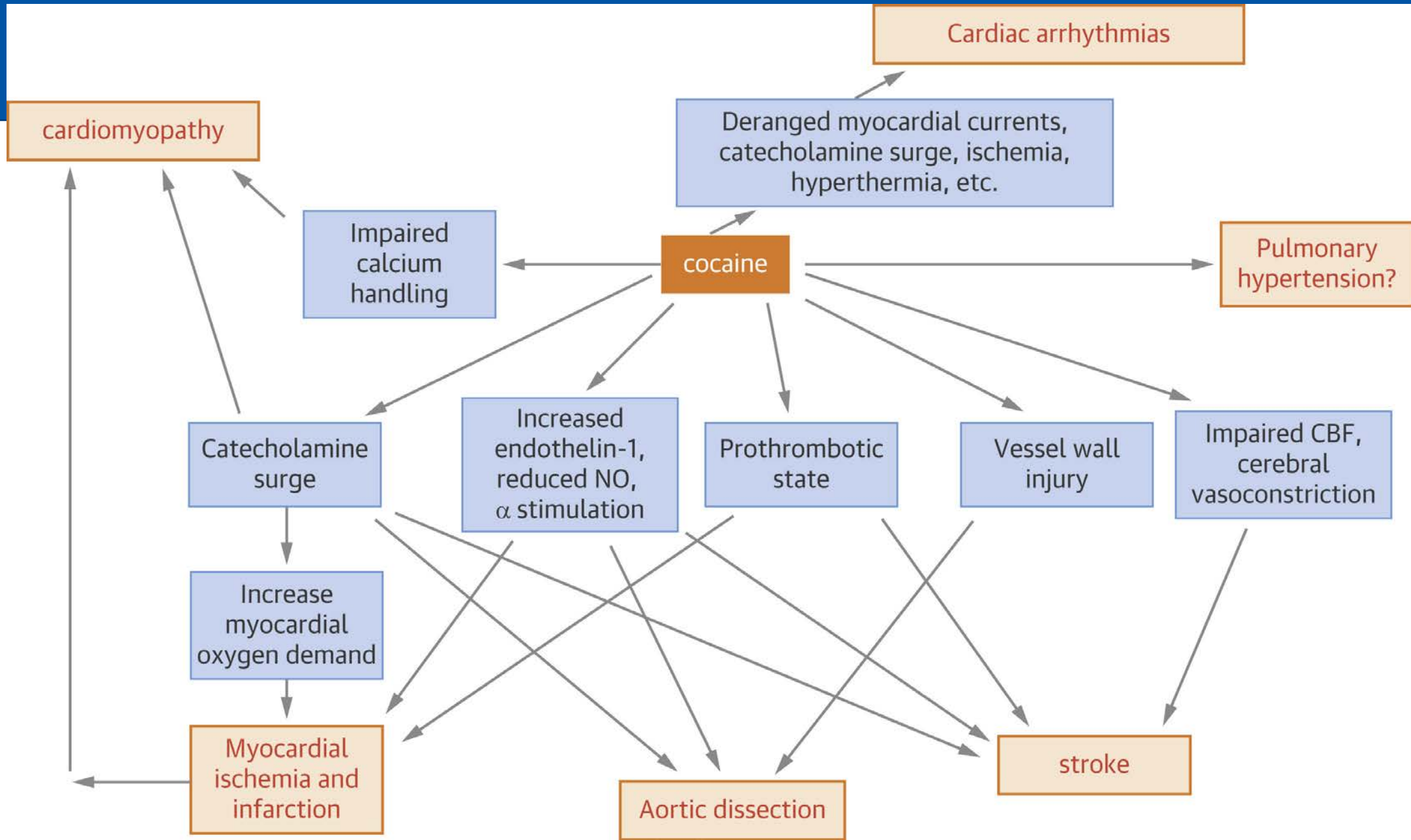
# Cardiovascular Complications of Methamphetamines

- Methamphetamine involved in 29% KY overdose deaths in 2017 (57% increase from 2016)
- Alpha- and beta-adrenergic stimulation → hypertension, tachycardia, vasoconstriction
- Early atherosclerotic disease
  - 25% incidence of ACS in persons with methamphetamine use and chest pain
- Cardiomyopathy – particularly dilated
- Aortic dissection
- Pulmonary hypertension

# Cardiovascular Effects of Cocaine

- Hypertension, tachycardia, endothelial dysfunction, platelet aggregation → can precipitate ACS
- Vasoconstriction can cause coronary vasospasm
- Long-term use → accelerated atherosclerosis
- Cardiomyopathy
- Stimulates alpha- and beta-adrenergic receptors → concern about unopposed alpha stimulation with beta-blockers
  - Likely safe in chest pain and recent cocaine ingestion
  - Lack of data during cocaine intoxication







# 2014 AHA/ACC NSTEMI-ACS Guideline

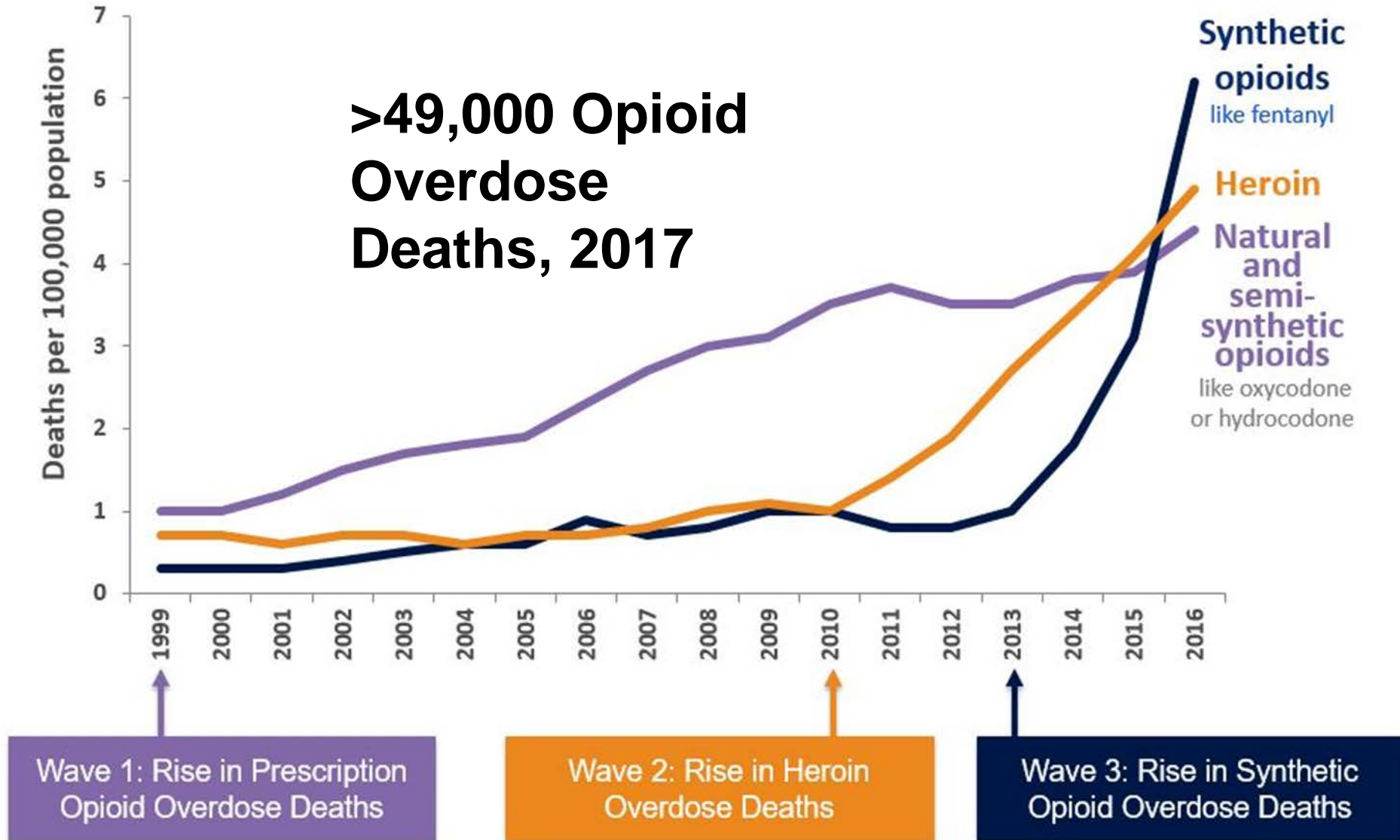
- NSTEMI-ACS and recent cocaine or methamphetamine should be treated in the same manner as those without (Class I, C)
  - Except acute intoxication (euphoria, tachycardia, hypertension) – avoid beta-blocker
- Benzodiazepines with or without nitroglycerin for hypertension and tachycardia in NSTEMI-ACS with intoxication (Class IIa, C)
- Avoid beta-blockers in patients with ACS and recent cocaine or methamphetamine use with acute intoxication – risk of coronary spasm (Class III, C)

# Treatment of Stimulant Use Disorders

- No FDA-approved pharmacologic treatments for methamphetamine or cocaine use disorders
- Limited data for topiramate in cocaine use disorder
- Limited data for mirtazapine in methamphetamine use disorder
  
- Contingency management
  - Vouchers
  - Fishbowl method

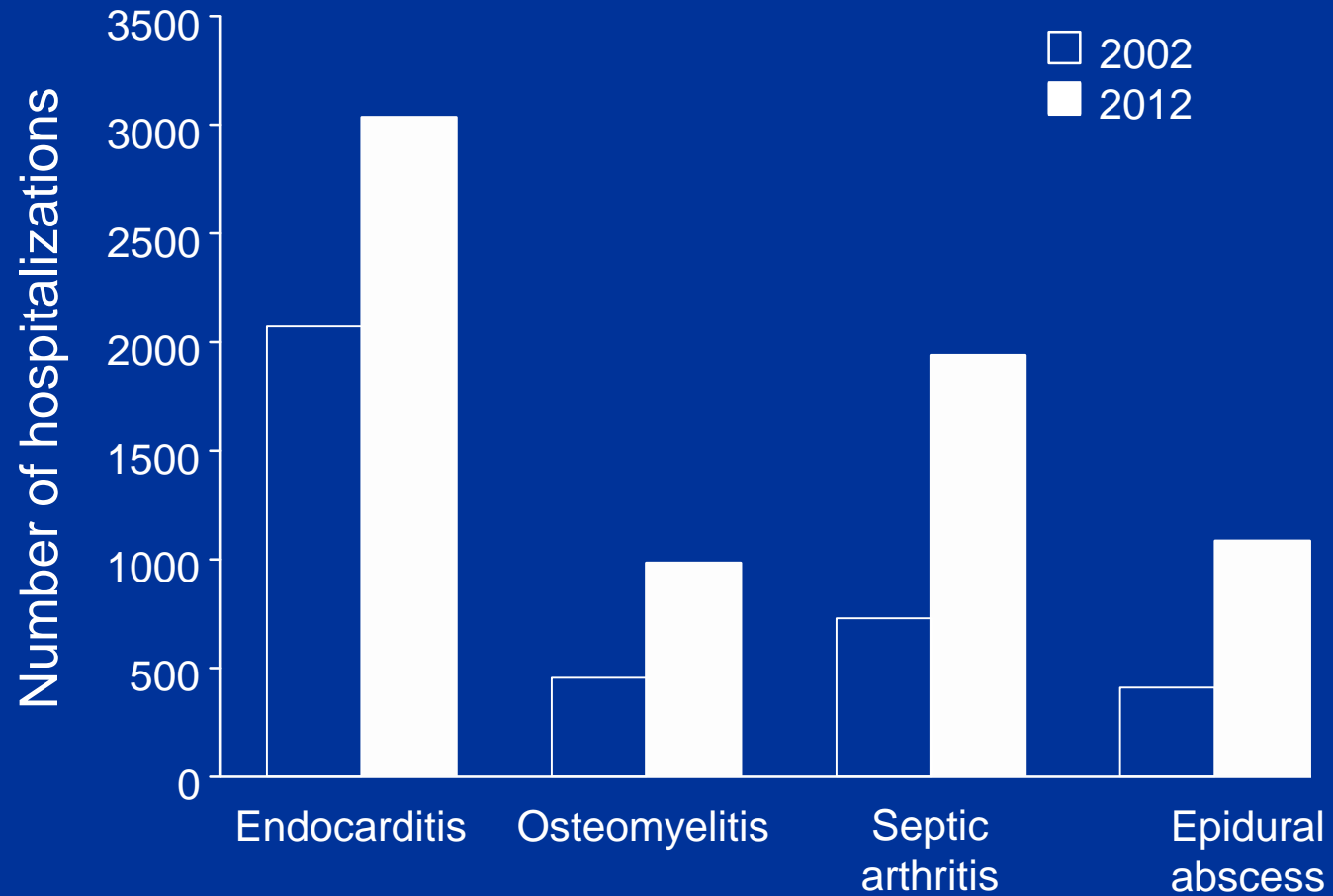


### 3 Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths



SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System Mortality File.

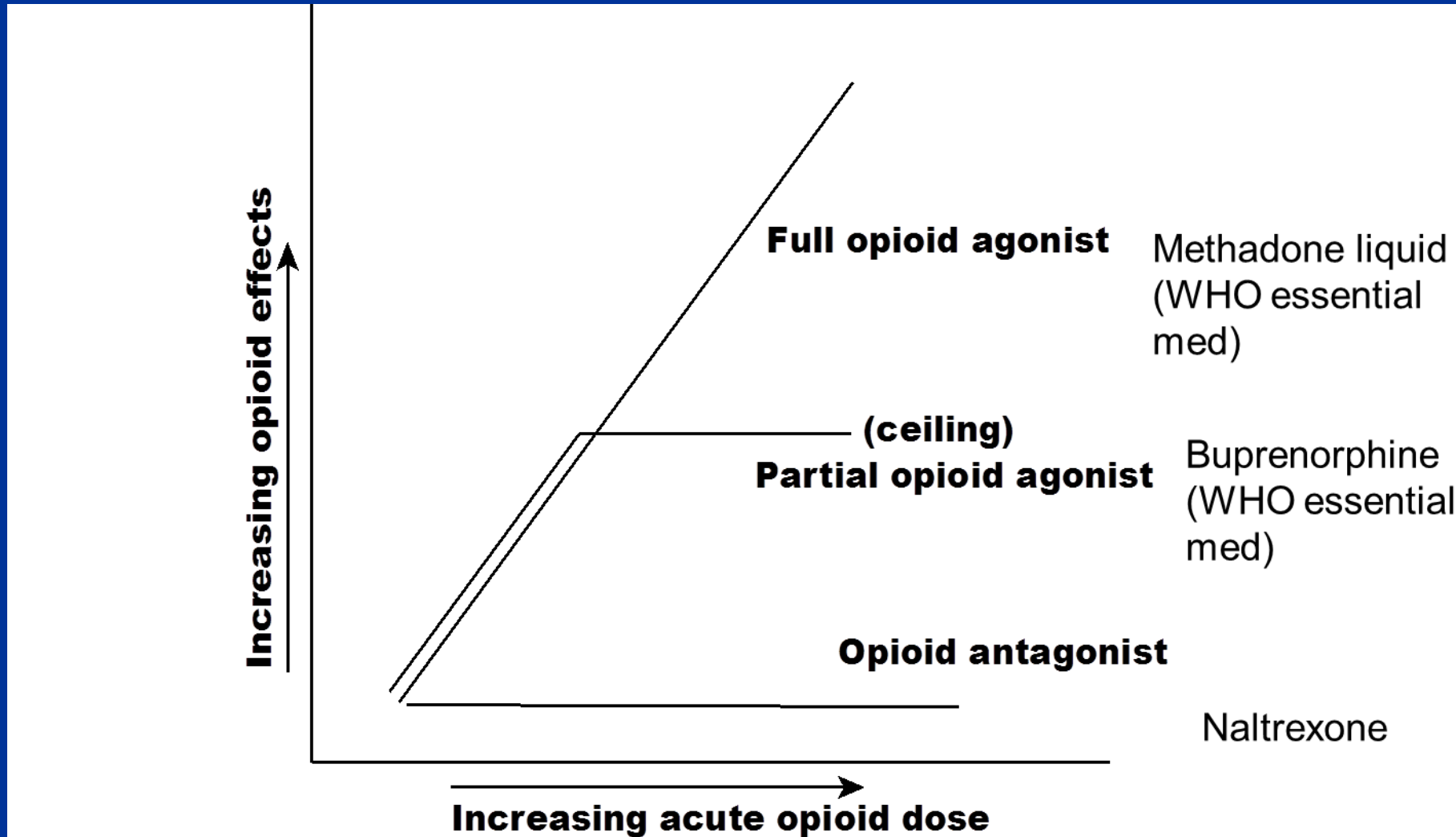
# Hospitalizations for Opioid Use Disorder and Associated Infections



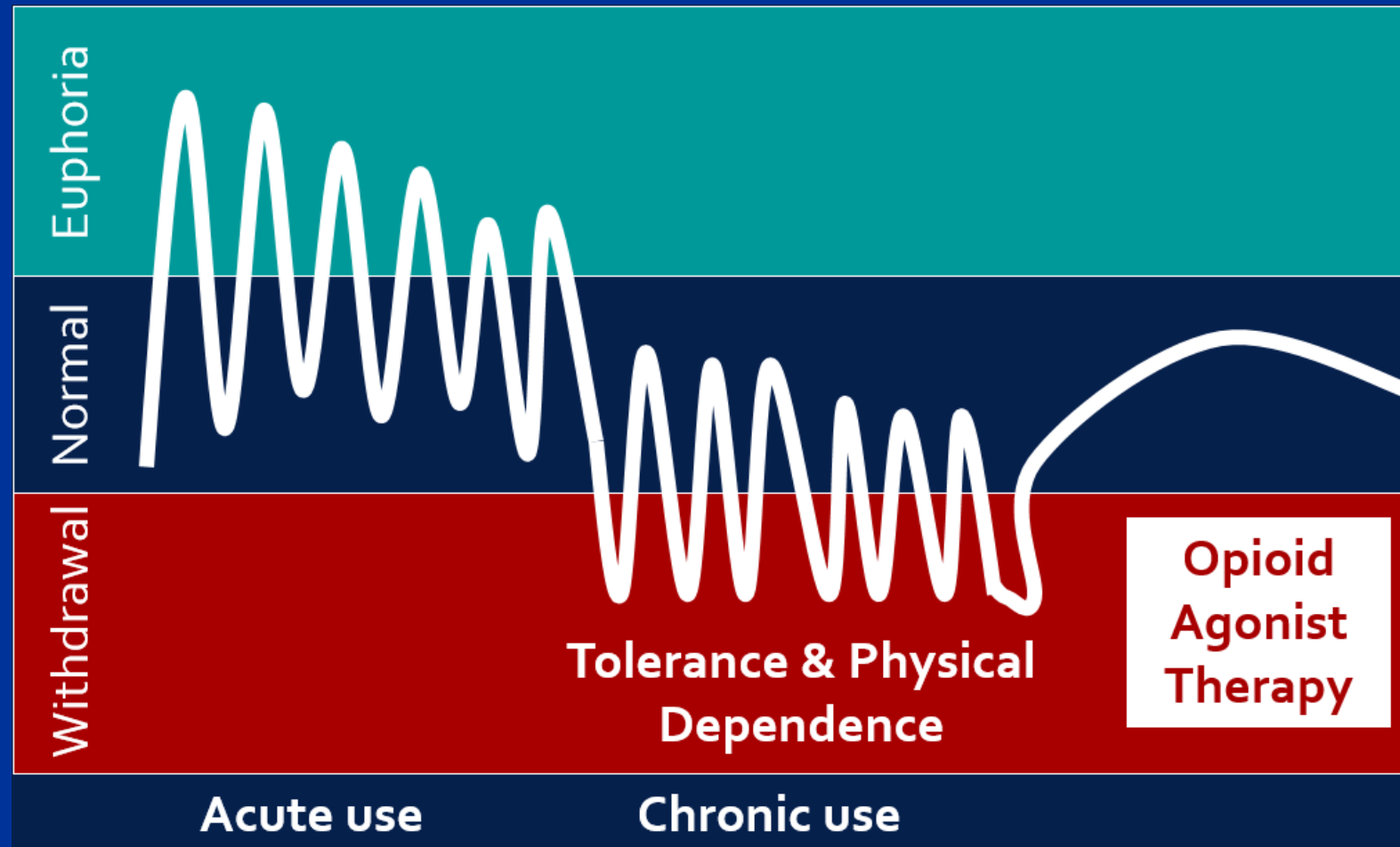
# Endocarditis in Persons who Inject Drugs

- Overall IE mortality ~30% at 1 year
- Isolated TV endocarditis lower mortality ~5%, but higher if surgery needed (~50% at 5 years) (Cahill 2016)
- Proportion of IE hospitalizations associated with IDU increased from 7% to 12.1% from 2000 to 2013 (Wurcel 2016)
- Persons with opioid use disorder (OUD) and IE frequently do not receive treatment for OUD (Fanucchi 2018)
- Referral to addiction treatment associated with lower mortality in IE in PWID (Rodger et al. JAMA Network Open 2018)

# Medications

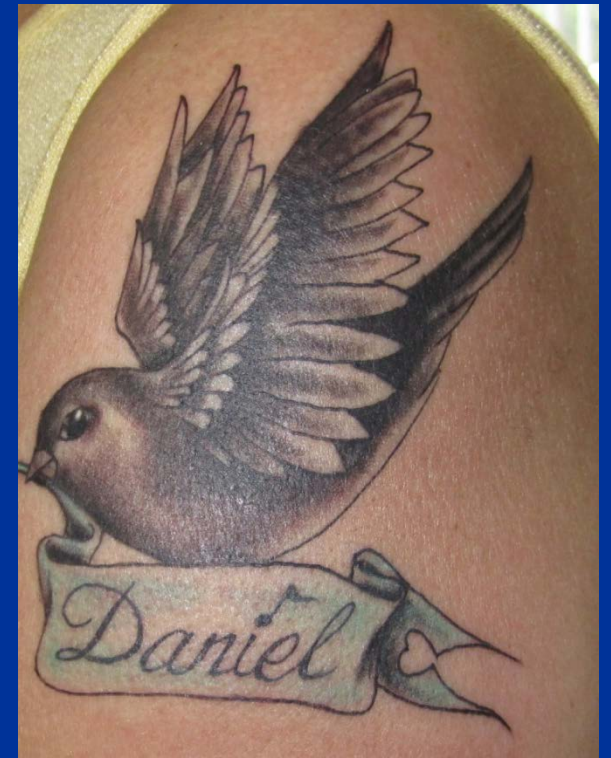


# Medications for Opioid Use Disorder



# Treatment

- Chronic Disease Model
  - Screen, assess, diagnose
  - Medications
  - Behavioral interventions
  - Stepped care approach
- Treatment goals: *remission* and return to function in life
- Relapse rates >80% with abstinence / detox



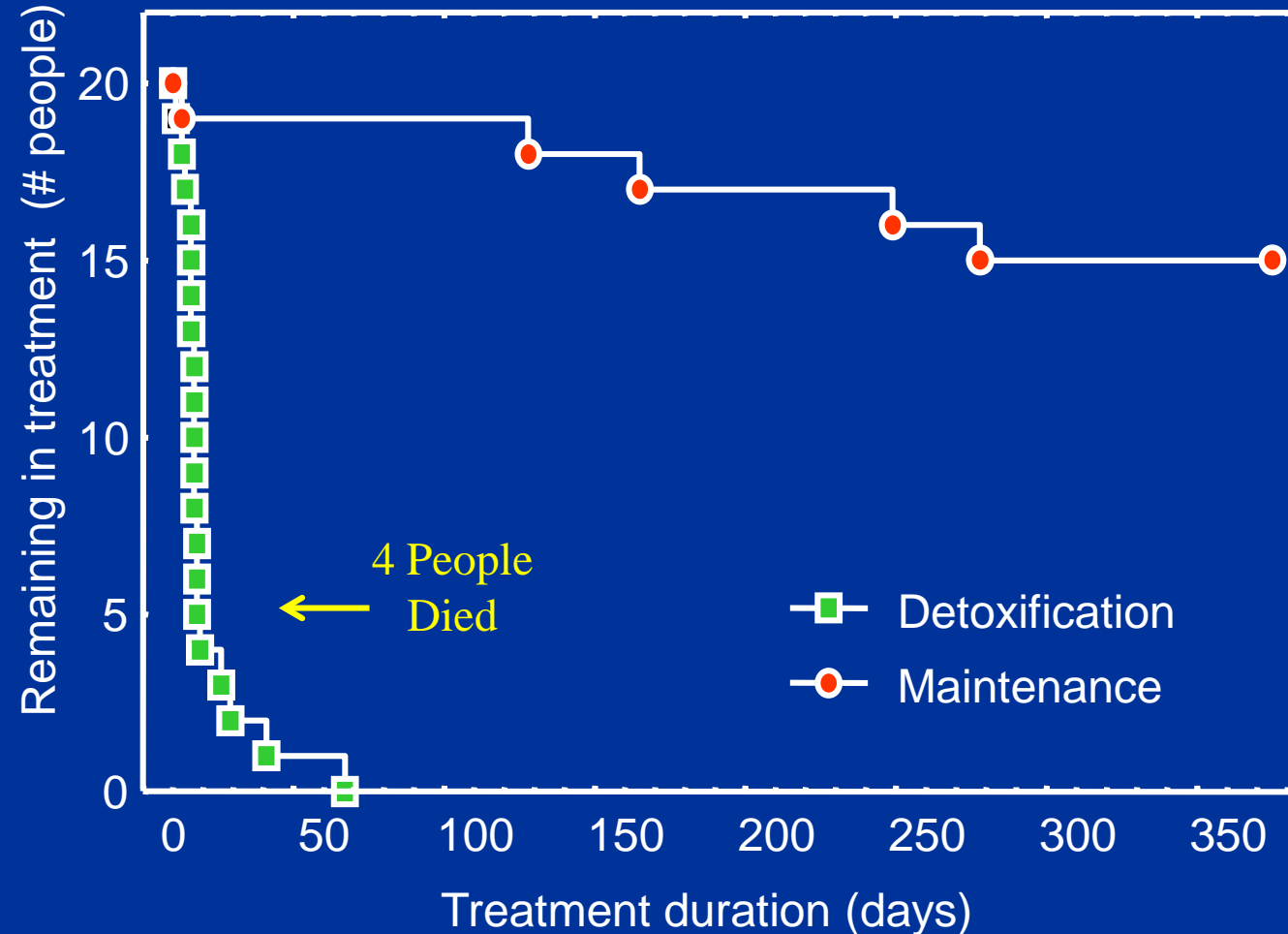


# Buprenorphine/naloxone

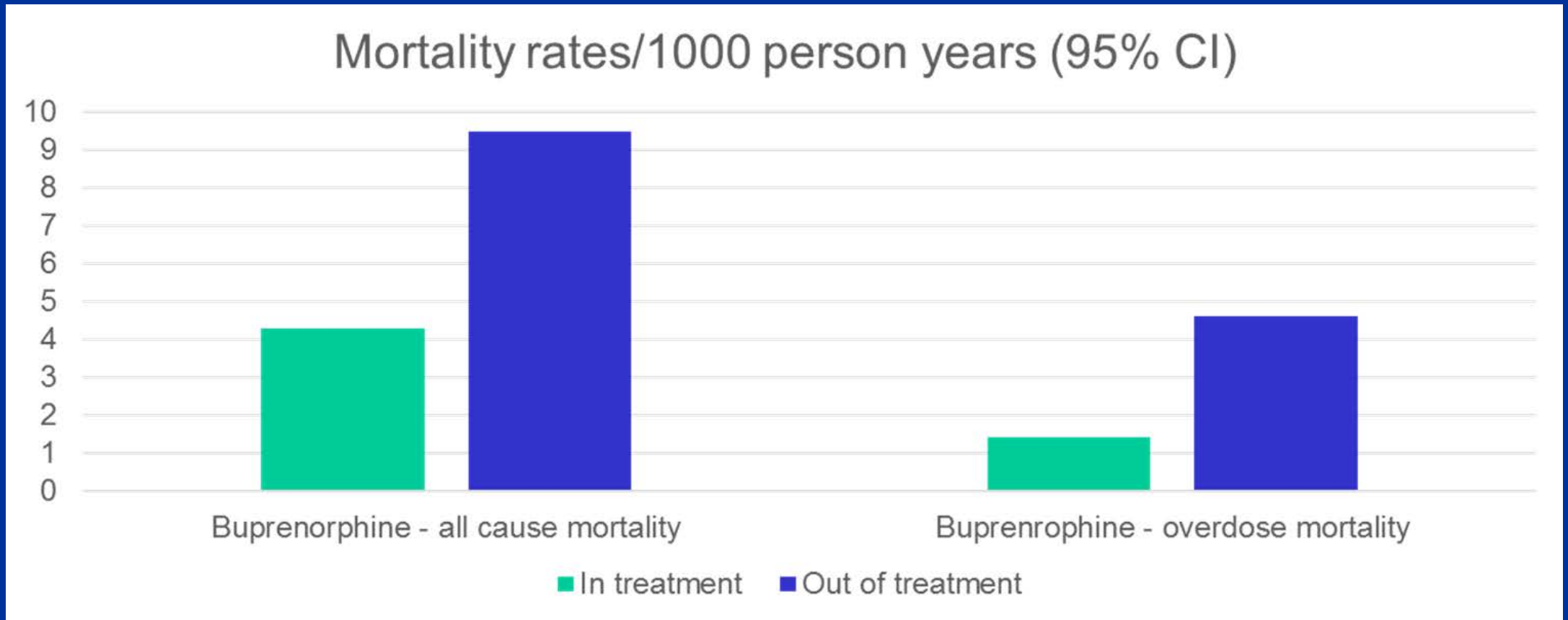
- Drug Abuse Treatment Act 2000
- Partial opioid agonist
  - Decreased overdose risk
- Naloxone not active unless injected
  - Decreased abuse risk
- Sublingual, once daily
- Bup/nx 4:1 ratio
- New depot / implants



# Buprenorphine vs. Detoxification for Heroin Dependence with Enriched Psychosocial Services

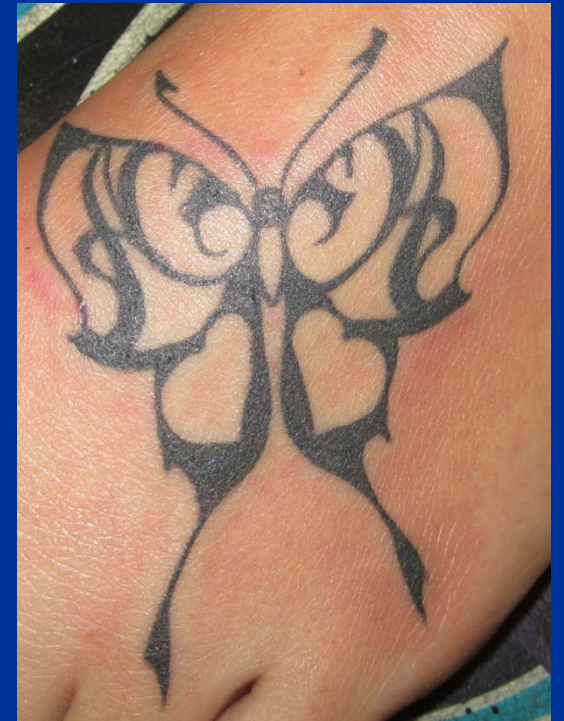


# Mortality Risk In and Out of Buprenorphine Treatment

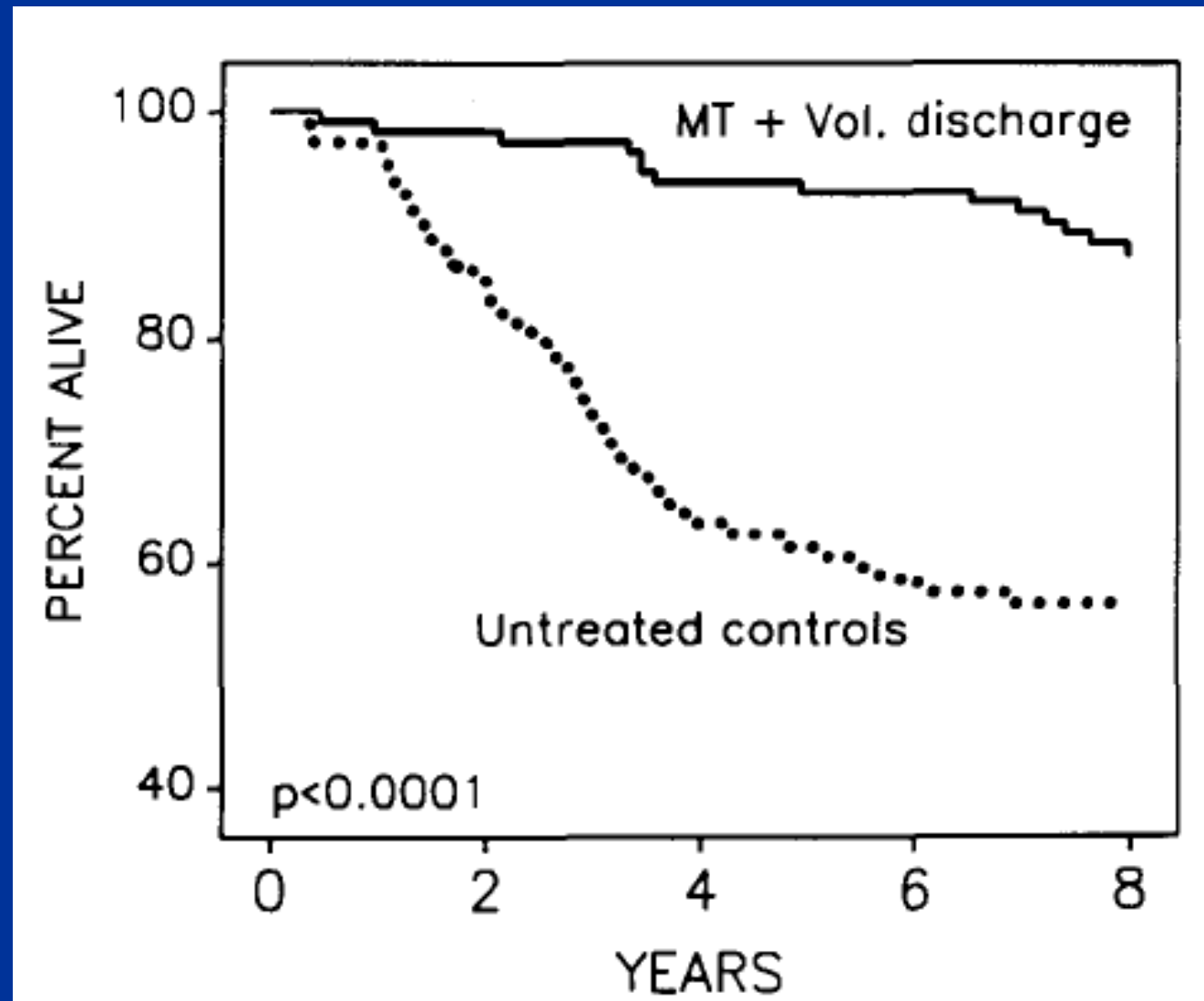


# Methadone - Opioid Treatment Program

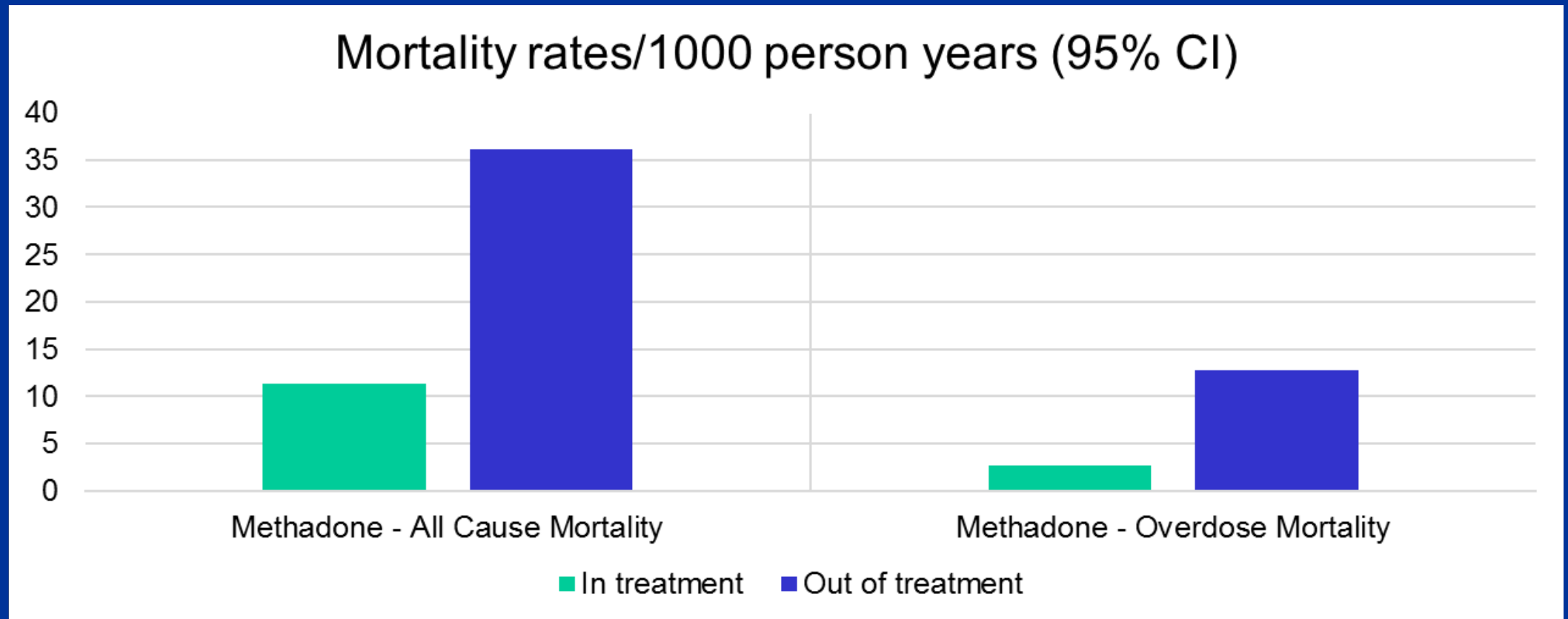
- Only legal setting for methadone for addiction treatment in US.
- Federal and state regulations
- Federal: daily dosing first 90 days
- 5 days to steady state
- Drug interactions; QTc prolongation
- Challenges: stigma, access



# Mortality in Methadone Treatment



# Mortality Risk In and Out of Methadone Treatment



# Prescribe Naloxone



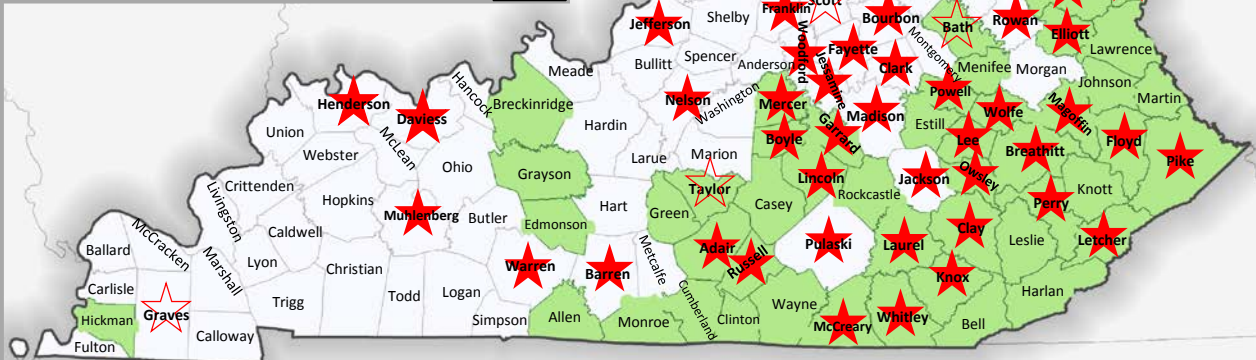
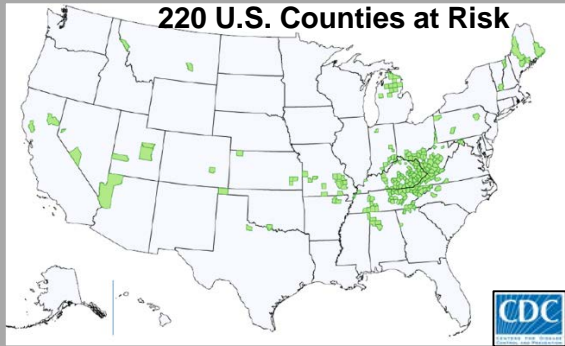
[prescribetoprevent.org](http://prescribetoprevent.org)





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# 54 Kentucky Counties with Increased Vulnerability to Rapid Dissemination of HIV/HCV Infections Among People who Inject Drugs and Preventive Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs)



### National Ranking by County\*

1	Wolfe	34	Martin	108	Gallatin
3	Breathitt	35	Boyle	125	Bath
4	Perry	39	Lawrence	126	Grayson
5	Clay	40	Rockcastle	129	Greenup
6	Bell	45	Harlan	132	Green
8	Leslie	48	McCreary	153	Casey
9	Knox	50	Letcher	154	Carter
10	Floyd	53	Johnson	163	Monroe
11	Clinton	54	Russell	167	Garrard
12	Owsley	56	Elliott	175	Robertson
14	Whitley	65	Laurel	178	Lewis
15	Powell	67	Carroll	179	Edmonson
17	Knott	75	Taylor	180	Allen
21	Pike	77	Grant	187	Boyd
23	Magoffin	93	Adair	191	Hickman
25	Estill	97	Lincoln	202	Breckinridge
30	Lee	99	Wayne	212	Campbell
31	Menifee	101	Cumberland	214	Mercer

\* Vulnerable Counties in RED have Operating SEPs

- 54 Vulnerable Counties
- 56 Operating Syringe Exchanges (48 Counties) as of 04/15/2019
- 4 Counties are Approved but Not Yet Operational

Specific concerns regarding Kentucky Counties:

1. Dense drug user networks similar to Scott County Indiana
2. Lack of syringe exchange programs

**NOTE: CDC stresses that this is a REGION-WIDE problem, not just a county-specific problem.**



# Questions?

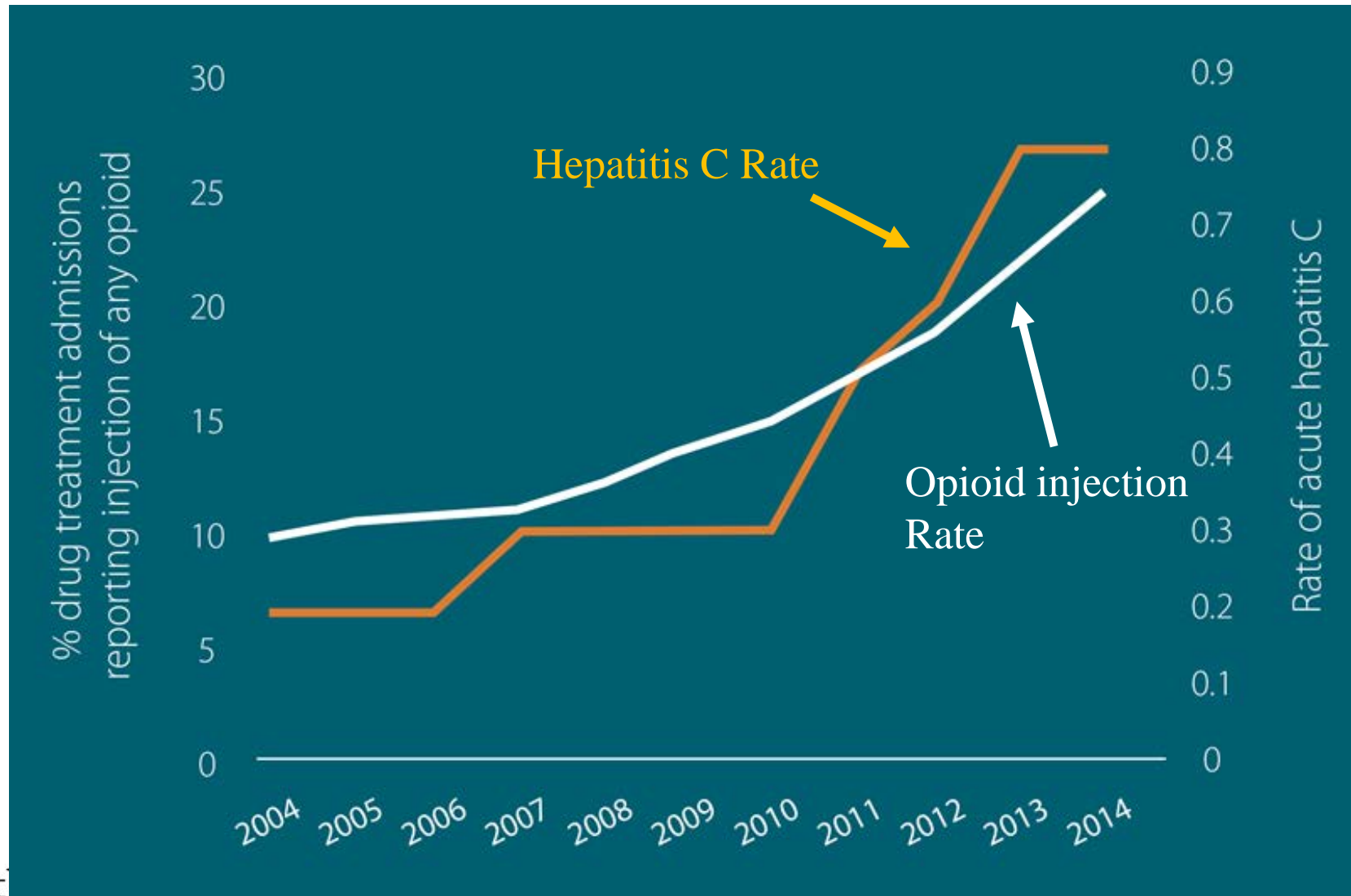
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# Illicit Fentanyl

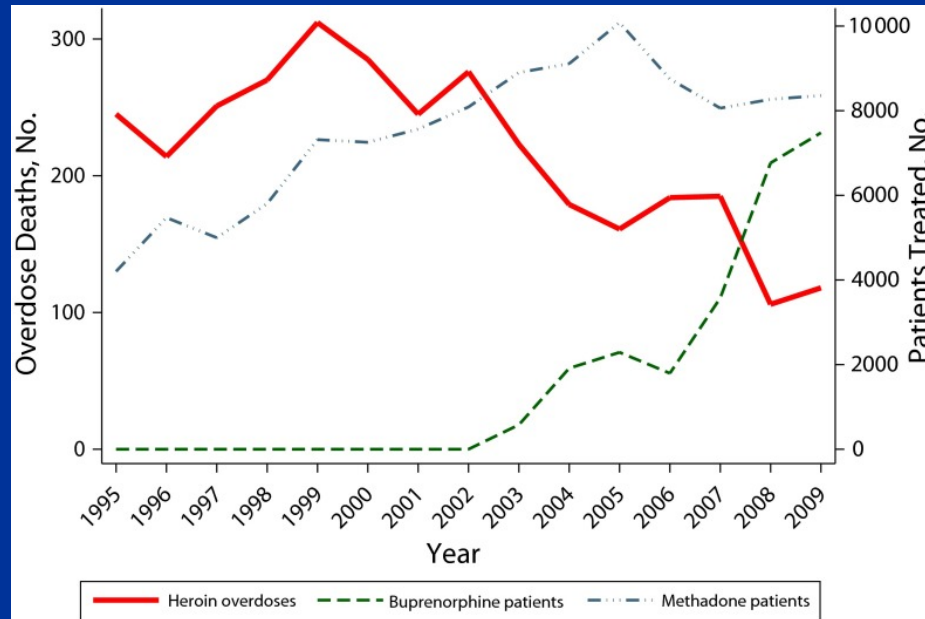
- Synthetic opioid 50-100x more potent than heroin



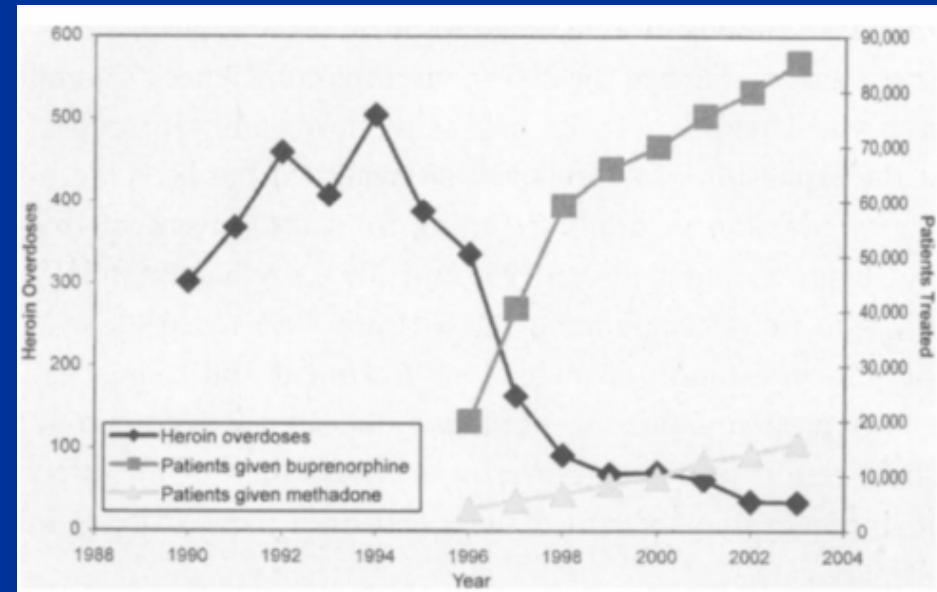
# Hepatitis C & Opioid Injection - US Non-Hispanic, White Population (2004-2014)



# Access to Medication Decreases Overdose Deaths



Maryland: 50% reduction in overdose deaths



France: 79% reduction in overdose deaths