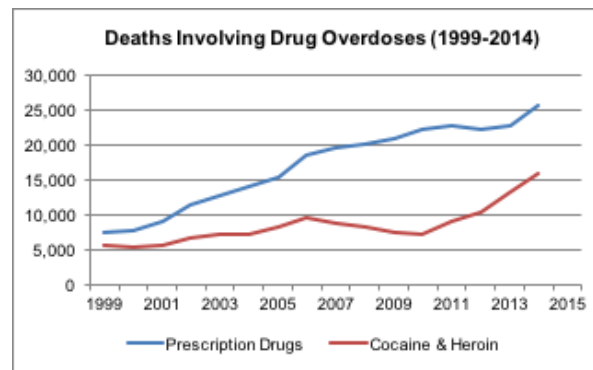


Electronic prescribing of controlled substances takes on America's prescription drug abuse epidemic

The U.S. is facing a national public health epidemic – prescription drug abuse. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 25,000 Americans lost their lives to prescription drug overdoses in 2014. That is nearly twice as many deaths than from cocaine and heroin overdoses combined. Sadly, every day, more than 70 people die from prescription drug overdoses.

Key points

- Twice as many deaths result from prescription drug overdose than from cocaine and heroin overdoses combined
- EPCS is being adopted across the nation to combat the prescription drug abuse epidemic



In 2010, with almost 50 percent of all substance abuse deaths related to prescription drug overdose, the DEA responded to the growing national prescription drug abuse epidemic by finalizing a rule allowing electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS). The primary objective of the DEA ruling is to reduce the potential for diversion, and subsequent abuse, of controlled substances. EPCS promises to deliver on a number of benefits, including:

- Reduced risk of altered, stolen or fraudulent prescriptions
- Improved provider productivity by enabling one workflow for all prescriptions
- Increased e-prescribing adoption to help meet criteria for Meaningful Use Stage 2
- Enhanced patient satisfaction by minimizing wait times at pharmacies and reducing unnecessary office visits
- Reduced risk of physician DEA number theft and prescription fraud and abuse

In 2013, New York State finalized the Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing (I-STOP) Act, a landmark law designed to overhaul the way prescription drugs are distributed and tracked and makes New York the first state to require EPCS. Among other requirements, this groundbreaking legislation mandates that all medications—including highly addictive narcotics and other

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controlled substances—prescribed in New York must be prescribed electronically. While most states allow EPCS, New York is the first state to mandate EPCS, and should serve as a bellwether for other states to follow. This legislation is also a tipping point as the technological infrastructure has been established with most major electronic health record (EHR) vendors now certified for EPCS and the major pharmacy chains ready to receive EPCS.

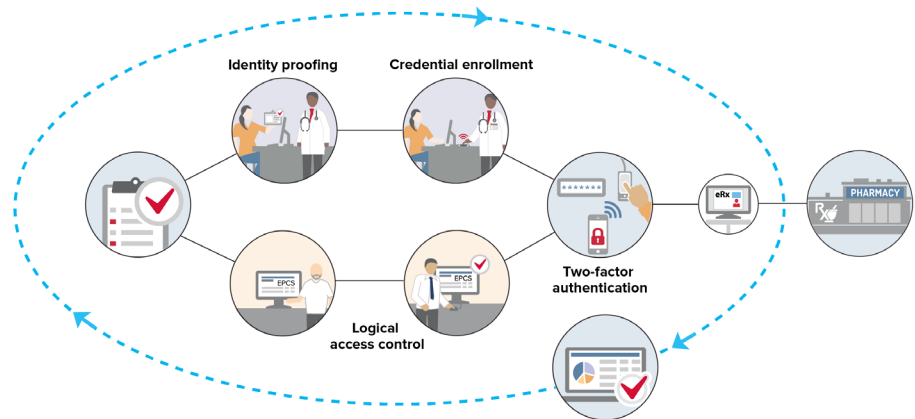
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The DEA allows EPCS only if certain requirements are met and a secure, auditable chain of trust is established for the entire EPCS process. Imprivata Confirm ID for EPCS is the fast, secure signing solution for e-prescribing of controlled substances. Imprivata Confirm ID is the most comprehensive platform for provider identity proofing, supervised enrollment of credentials, two-factor authentication, and reporting, helping healthcare organizations meet federal and state-level requirements for EPCS. Imprivata Confirm ID for EPCS also gives care providers a fast and convenient e-prescribing workflow by integrating with leading EHRs and supporting the broadest range of two-factor authentication modalities. By giving providers a single, efficient, and consistent e-prescribing workflow for all medications, Imprivata Confirm ID for EPCS drives adoption of EPCS and helps organizations realize the substantial benefits.

Imprivata Confirm ID elegantly simplifies EPCS workflows by:

- Integrating directly into the e-prescribing workflows of leading EHR applications
- Supporting DEA compliant fingerprint biometrics and tokens, providing must-have flexibility for all clinical workflows
- Automating authentication modality presentation – clinician is only prompted for what is available and allowed
- Operating in any SSO environment as a stand-alone solution

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