

# Opioid Overdose Prevention Strategies

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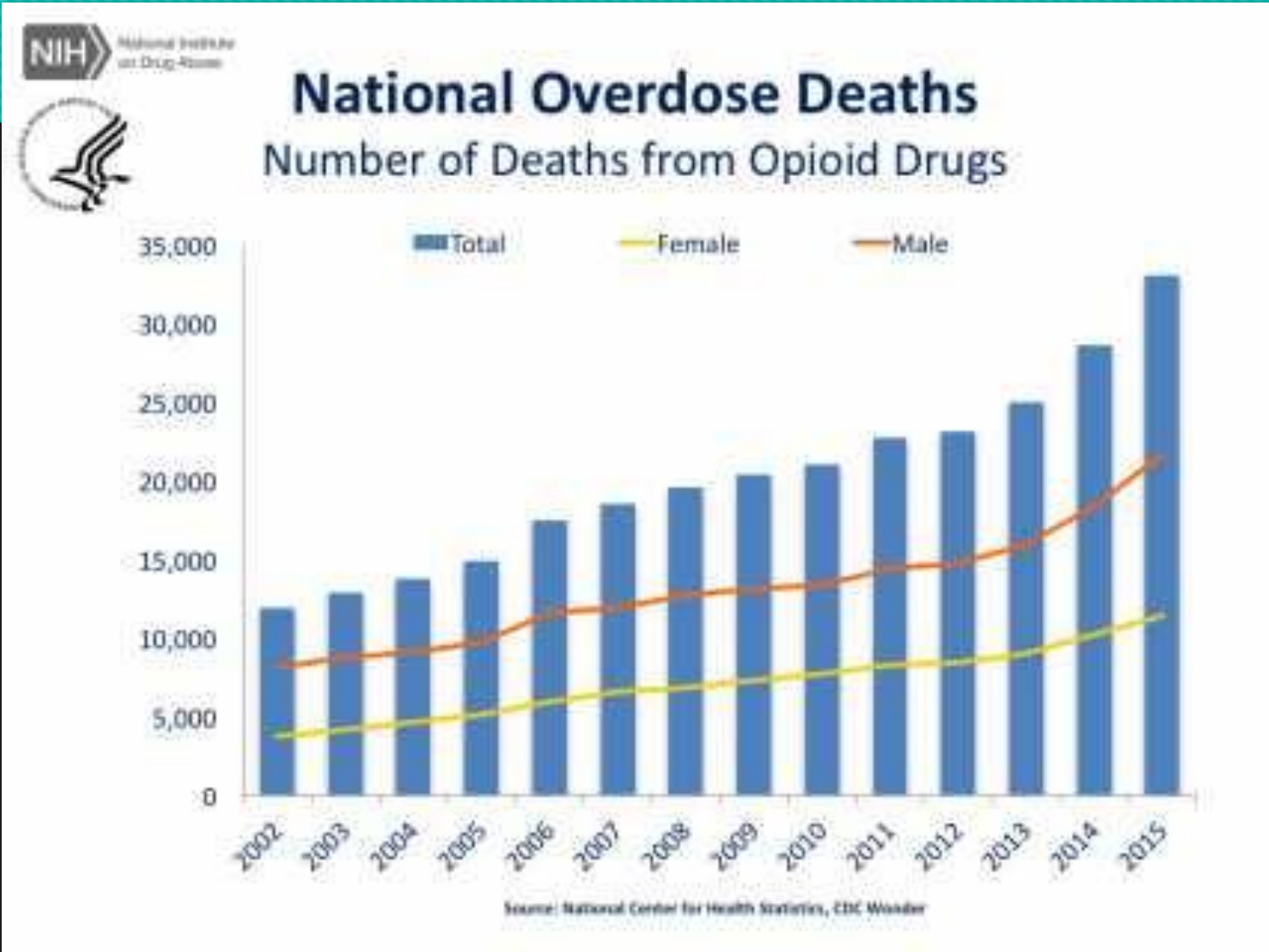
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- 115 people die every day in the US of an opioid overdose
- 61 people died in North Dakota in 2015 (up from 43 in 2014 and 20 in 2013)
- Emergency department visits for opioid overdoses rose 30% in all parts of the US from July 2016 through September 2017
  - Increases included both sexes and all age groups
- Nationally the death rate from opioid overdose in 2015 was nearly 4 times the 1999 rate
- The US claims 27% of the worlds drug overdose deaths
  - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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# Naloxone

## ○ Naloxone (Narcan)

- Available in community-based programs since 1996
- From 1996 to 2014 there were more than 26,000 overdose reversals through bystander administered naloxone
- Safe, no side effects, inexpensive
- Can be given IV, SQ, IM, IN, IO

# Naloxone

- Not a substitute for emergency care
- Time is of the essence
- Multiple doses may be necessary
- May precipitate opioid withdrawal in someone who is physically dependent on opioids

# Good Samaritan Laws

- **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 19-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- **Overdose prevention and immunity.**
- An individual is immune from criminal prosecution under sections 19 - 03.1 - 22.1 , 19 - 03.1 - 22.3, 19 - 03.1 - 22.5, subsection 7 of section 19 - 03.1 - 23, subsection 3 of section 19 - 03.2 - 03, and section 19 - 03.4 - 03 if that individual contacted law enforcement or emergency medical services and reported that the individual was or that another individual was in need of emergency medical assistance due to a drug overdose. To receive immunity under this section, the individual receiving immunity must have remained on the scene until assistance arrived and cooperated with emergency medical services and law enforcement personnel in the medical treatment of the reported drug overdosed individual. The maximum number of individuals that may be immune for any one occurrence is three individuals. Immunity from prosecution under this section is not applicable for a violation under section 19 - 03.1 - 23.1 .



# Addiction does not discriminate



# Questions??

