OD in Chicago: Fentanyl laced heroin epidemic 2015



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Officials remove the body of a man from an East Garfield Park apartment Friday. Police are investigating whether he OD'd on heroin from one of the dangerous batches.

Chicago sees 3-day spate of ODs

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Chicago No. 1 in heroin use but lags in treatment

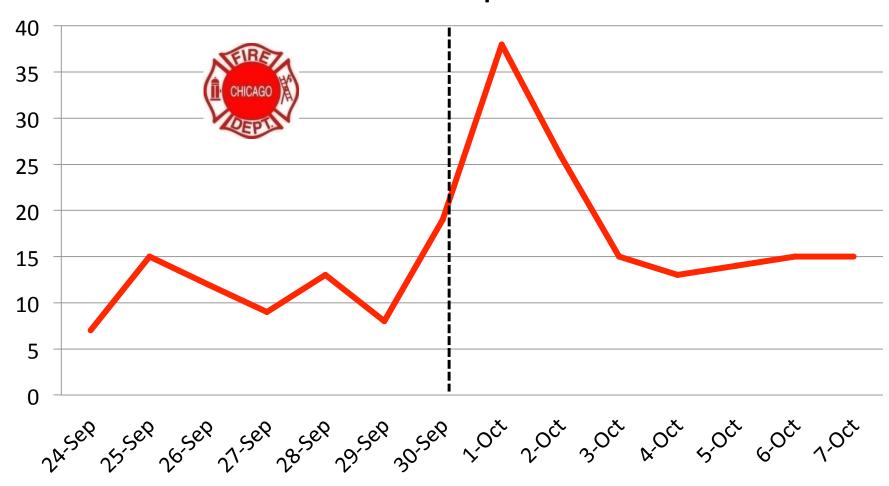


Customers line up for heroin in the 3700 block of West Grenshaw in Chicago on June 16, 2015. | Photo in federal complaint

Oct. 1st, 2015 **CHICAGO POISON** MCHC Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council 1-800-222-1222 **ILLINOIS POISON CENTER** CHICAGO EMS Illinois Department of CITY OF CHICAGO



EMS OD Responses





Increases in Fentanyl Drug Confiscations and Fentanyl-related Overdose Fatalities





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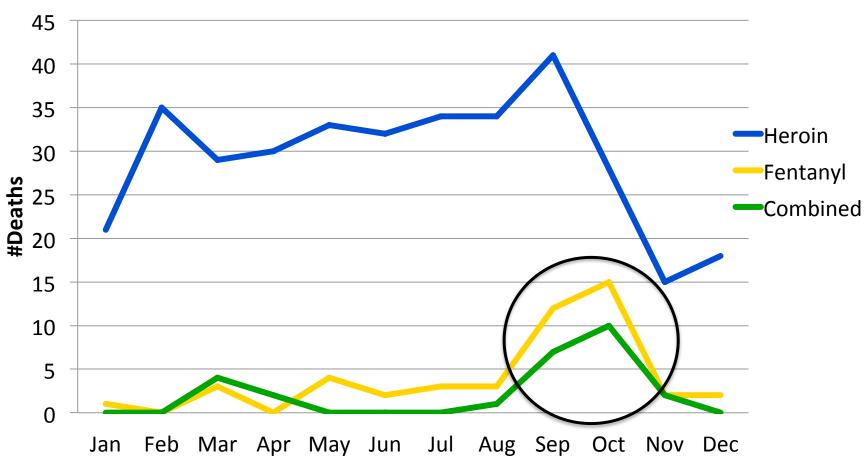
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- Medical Examiners Data
- •EMS Data
- Poison Center Data

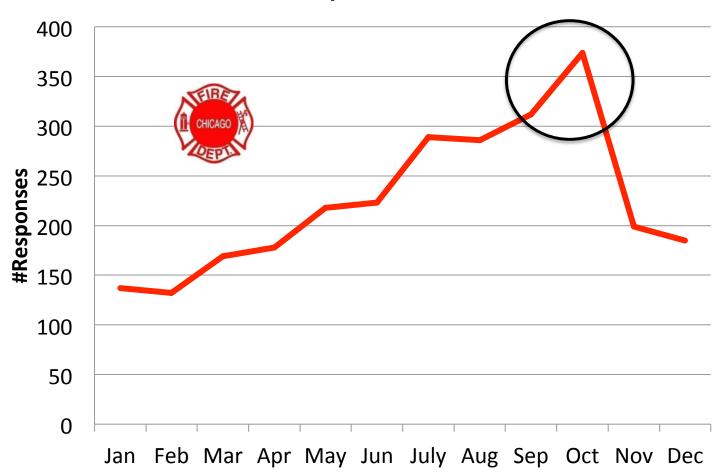


Cook County Medical Examiners Office Heroin/Fentanyl OD Deaths 2015

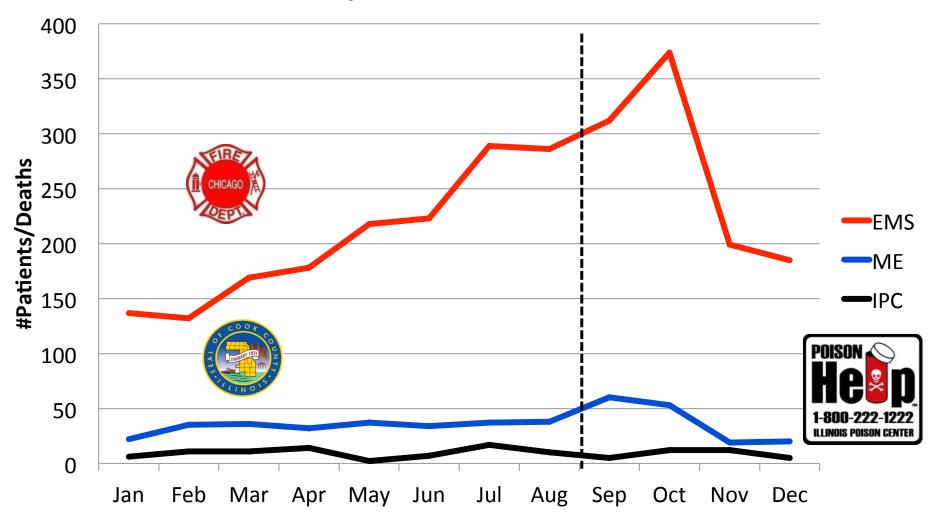




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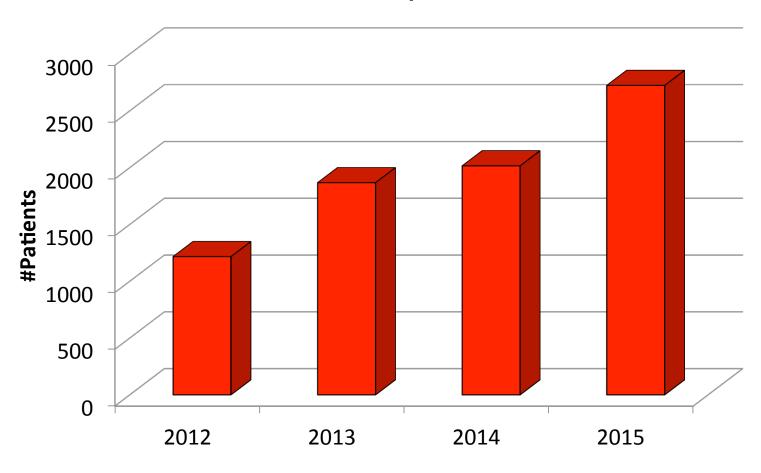
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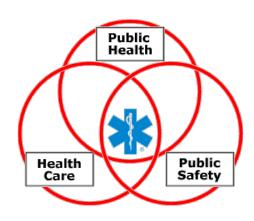




2015 Takeaways

1. EMS on frontline

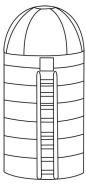




2. Syndrome Surveillance



3. Unify our data



4. Empower our providers







Thank you



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