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Managing Drug Distribution

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I focus on drug distribution in the U.S. because it is distribution that initiated the drug overdose epidemic.

Currently, drug prescriptions in the U.S. are managed at the state level. As a result, there are fifty state records that have to be collected. I also propose that TV advertisement of prescription drugs should be stopped. It moves control of prescriptions to patients rather than medical staff.

I propose that drug distribution in the U.S. be centralized. That is, law enforcement, regulatory affairs, science and licensing be consolidated into a single function. That would not only streamline data collection, it would provide a multidisciplinary approach to problem solving and generate new ideas more freely. It would provide a Team approach to drug management.

Finally, I look forward to answering the questions, why did the deathrate increase and why has it begun to decrease?