



*Working to Reduce the Number
of Opioid Prescriptions in Kentucky
by One-Third by 2025*

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Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS) May Newsletter

Kentucky among Top States Where Overdose Deaths Have Spiked during COVID-19 Pandemic

Drug overdose deaths rose nationwide by 29% during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, with Kentucky ranked third among states in the increase of such deaths, according to new federal data.

In Kentucky, long plagued by high rates of addiction, overdose deaths rose by 50% from September 2019 to September 2020, compared to the previous 12 months, according to preliminary figures released April 13 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- [Full Article](#)

Synthetic Opioid Webinar Series

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The Synthetic Webinar Series

A FREE 5-Part Webinar Series taking a deep dive on different synthetic substances. Each 1-hour webinar session will go over a specific substance, how they work, their chemical makeup, and more.

Part 2: The Life Cycle of Isotonitazene - a Novel Benzimidazole Opioid Agonist in the US Drug Supply

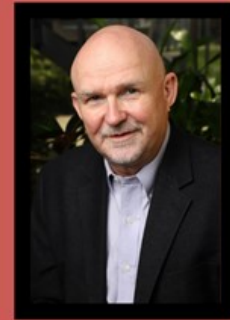
June 9th, 2021 at 2:00 PM CST

Speaker: Dr. Barry K Logan

Dr. Barry K. Logan is Sr. V/P and Chief Scientist of Forensic Sciences at NMS Labs. He joined NMS Labs in 2008. He is also Executive Director at the non-profit Center for Forensic Science Research and Education (CFSRE) at the Fredric Rieders Family Foundation in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. At NMS Labs he leads our team of forensic toxicologists and certifying scientists and is the laboratory director for NMS Criminalistics Laboratories in Pennsylvania, Texas and North Carolina.

Dr. Logan is a Fellow of the American Board of Forensic Toxicologists (ABFT), and has over 150 publications and over 600 presentations in forensic toxicology and analytical chemistry, including work on the effects of illicit and prescription drugs on drivers, and drug caused and related death. His current research priorities are focused on new drug trends, the opioid crisis, rapid reporting of drug mortality data, and the analytical and interpretive toxicology and chemistry of novel psychoactive substances, founding www.NPSDiscovery.org in 2018.

Dr. Logan's other appointments include Executive Director of the Robert F. Borckenstein course at Indiana University, and at Arcadia University and Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He serves on the Advisory Board for NIDA's National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS). In recognition of his work and contributions, Dr. Logan has received numerous national and international awards, and served as President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) in 2013-14.



Upcoming Session Topics:

- **Part 3: Bupropion & Xylazine- July 21st**
- **Part 4: Synthetic Psychostimulants- August 25th**
- **Part 5: Synthetic Drugs in the Purchase Area- September 22nd**



REGISTRATION LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/SYNTHETIC2](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYNTHETIC2)



PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CE'S (CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS) AWARDED WITH THIS SERIES.

Additional Resources on KY SOS Website

To start and/or further conversations around non-pharmacologic pain treatments, like using a Comfort Menu, use this checklist:

<http://www.kentuckysos.com/portals/2/documents/ComfortMenuAlliantQuality.pdf>

Informational resource to explain risks of opioids and benzodiazepines combination, please visit <http://www.kentuckysos.com/portals/2/documents/Medication-Risk-Alert-Opioids-and-Benzodiazepines.pdf>

All other KY SOS resources can be found at <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Resources>

Data Update

KY SOS continues to encourage all facilities to submit their monthly data into KY

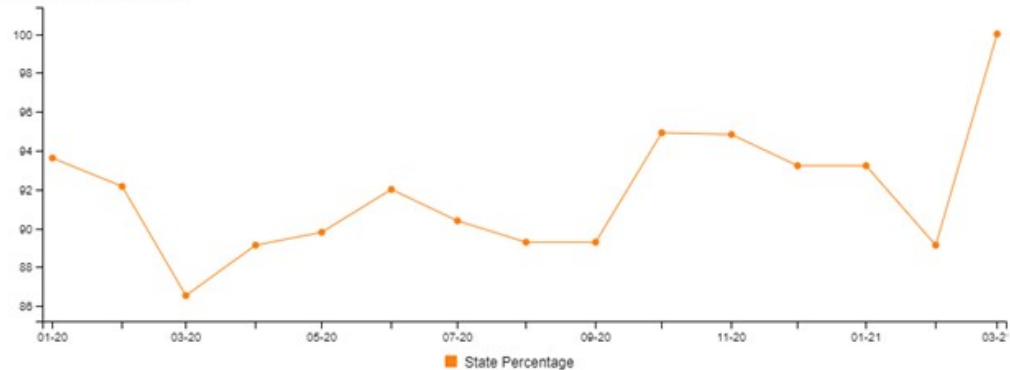
Quality Counts (KQC). As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, KY SOS understands resources are stretched and data entry might be delayed. Please continue to report **monthly** data on both the process and outcomes measures. Education and the future of the program are based in part on the data reported. Areas of improvement and areas of success will be highlighted and emphasized as KY SOS continues. If you need assistance with data input or navigation of the KQC data collection system, please contact **Emily Henderson** (ehenderson@kyha.com) or **Melanie Moch** (mmoch@kyha.com).

KY SOS is seeing an upward trend in the Community Collaboration process measure. As a reminder, please make sure to enter the data if you are collaborating with community partners each month in KY Quality Counts.

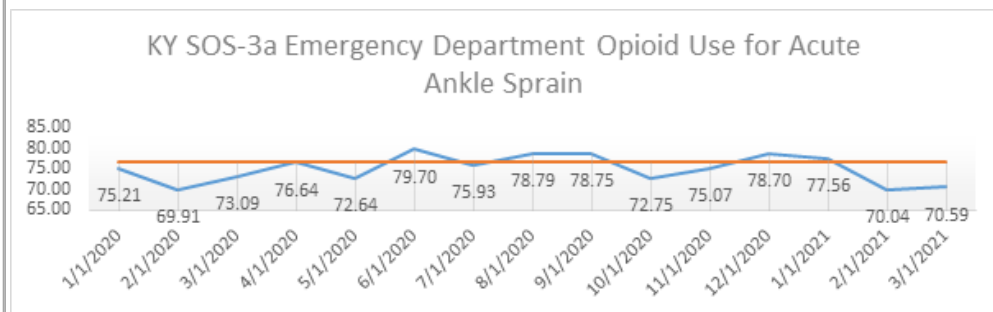
Statewide Opioid Stewardship Program

KY SOS-8 The organization collaborates with community partners (e.g. clinics, home-based care, pharmacies, law enforcement, religious organizations and government agencies) to promote appropriate use of opioids within the community.

Percentage Answered Yes

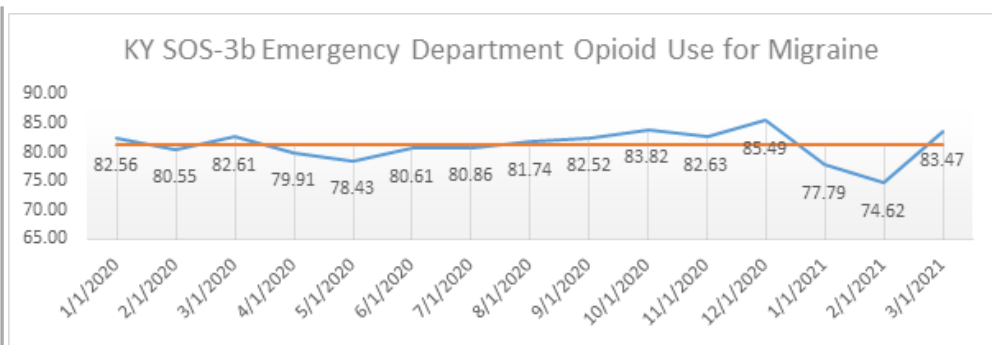


This month we would like to highlight the great work that hospitals are doing on Metrics 3 a – c Alternatives to Opioids in the Emergency Department. In case you missed it, Dr. Ryan Stanton’s three part webinar series on ALTOs can be found on the [Kentucky SOS website](#).

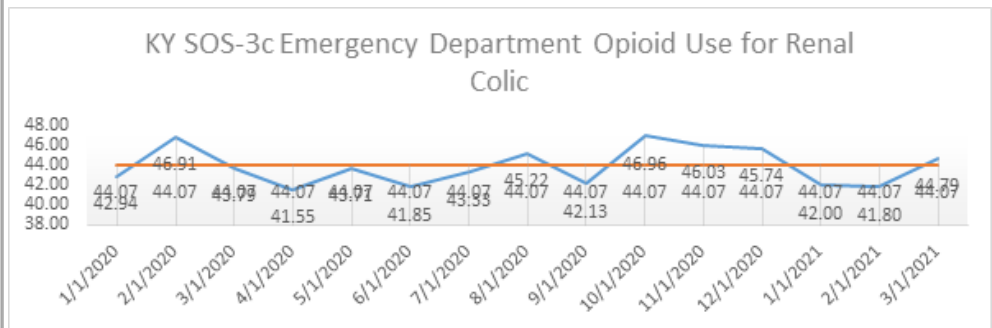


Key: Blue Line is the state rate and the Orange Line is the State Baseline (Higher is better)

KY SOS Metric 3a – Emergency Department Opioid Use for Acute Ankle Sprain. Our baseline is 76.69 for the state. For this metric, higher is better. This metric is specifically looking at alternatives to opioids in the emergency department for dislocation or acute sprain of the ankle. This metric only applies to hospitals who have an ED (excludes LTACH, Psych and Rehab hospitals).



KY SOS Metric 3b – Emergency Department Opioid Use for Migraine. Our baseline is 81.35 for the state. For this metric, higher is better. This metric is specifically looking at alternatives to opioids in the emergency department for migraine. This metric only applies to hospitals who have an ED (excludes LTACH, Psych and Rehab hospitals).



KY SOS Metric 3c – Emergency Department Opioid Use for Renal Colic. Our baseline is 44.07 for the state. For this metric, higher is better. This metric is specifically looking at alternatives to opioids in the emergency department for renal colic. This metric only applies to hospitals who have an ED (excludes LTACH, Psych and Rehab hospitals).

The Happenings

Upcoming Events/Webinars

KY SOS May Webinar – May 27, 11:00 – 12:00 PM ET: Join KY SOS and UK Healthcare for the upcoming May webinar on KY SOS Metric 6: The organization provides non-pharmacologic analgesia. The webinar will be presented on Thursday, May 27 from 11a-12noon ET. The UK Healthcare team will discuss the use of non-pharmacologic analgesia (comfort menu) to treat their patients’ pain. Barriers, successes and data will be shared. Calendar invites will be sent closer to webinar date.

Webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83738029295?pwd=SktyaWxjVU1Cb0t3RHVvSTBMV1d0OUT09>

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For more information, please visit www.kentuckysos.com or contact a KHA staff member to assist.

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Missed a webinar? All presentations are recorded and can be found under the events & education link.