Epidemiology, Morbidity & Mortality for Benzodiazepine Use

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Data Sources

- National Survey on Substance Use and Health - 2010
- Treatment Episode Dataset - 2009
- National Forensic Laboratory Information System - 2011
- Poisoning Deaths (NCHS) - 2008
Nonmedical Use of Tranquilizers: Numbers in Thousands, NSDUH 2009-2010

Clonazepam
Alprazolam
Diazepam
Benzodiazepines

2009
2010
Nonmedical Use of Tranquilizers: Numbers in Thousands, NSDUH 2010

- Clonazepam: 193, 1393, 3144
- Alprazolam: 541, 3582, 9522
- Diazepam: 215, 1986, 11267
- Benzodiazepines: 642, 4261, 15805
DAWN Benzodiazepine Emergency Room Rates per 100,000 Population: 2004-2009

Source: SAMHSA
Benzodiazepines as Primary Problem at Admission to Treatment: TEDS 1992-2009

Source: SAMHSA
Benzodiazepines as Secondary Problem at Admission to Opiate Treatment Programs: TEDS 1992-2009

Source: SAMHSA
Benzodiazepine Items Identified in Toxicology Labs: NFLIS 2005-2010

* Some labs did not differentiate by type of benzo

Source: DEA
Poisoning Deaths with Benzodiazepine and Opioid Analgesics Mentioned: NCHS 1999-2008

Source: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System
Drug Poisoning Deaths Involving Benzos by Intent: NCHS 1999-2008

Source: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System