

Further Thoughts

- The Oregon alternative “offers an effective approach . . . if broadly adopted, there would be no reason to develop state or national tracking systems, resulting in substantial, ongoing savings . . .”

- *NAMSDL Meth Precursor Tracking Advisory Committee*

- In addition to abuse and use to make meth, pseudoephedrine has “undesirable side effects, including central nervous system stimulation, lightheadedness, nervousness, anxiety, paranoia, heart arrhythmia, atrial fibrillations and premature ventricular contractions.”

- *United States Patent 6,495,529 (Booth, et al) (Warner-Lambert, nka Pfizer) (December 17, 2002), column 1, lines 57 et seq, citing 95 American Hospital Formulatory Service 847-48.*



Questions?

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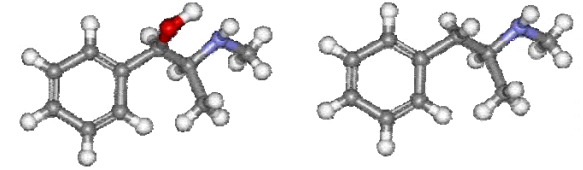
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Questions? Comments? Feel free to contact me at the e-mail address or phone number listed above.

In addition, most of the studies, data, and legislation that form the basis for this pamphlet are posted at www.oregondec.org



Meth Epidemic Solutions



Meth Lab Elimination through Effective Control of Pseudo/ephedrine

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The Case for Moving Pseudoephedrine to Prescription Only

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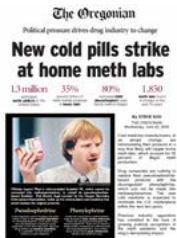
Local Meth Labs

What we have learned:

- Moving pseudo/ephedrine (PSE) behind the counter (with logging) significantly reduced meth lab incidents.



- The remaining meth labs are driven by smurfing of PSE.



- To eliminate smurfing, **Oregon moved PSE to prescription only** on July 1, 2006.

- There were few complaints and no public outcry. Most PSE products were simply reformulated.

- The result is the **complete elimination of smurfing in Oregon**, and the near elimination of meth labs. The few remaining meth labs each year are due to smurfing in neighboring states.

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Super Labs

What we have learned:

- Controlling the international supply of PSE directly impacts the supply of meth.

- Subtitle B of the CMEA provides for international tracking and control of PSE feeding the super labs.



- Coupled with strong action by Mexico, DEA, the INCB, and the United Nations, there was substantial progress tracking and stopping shipments of PSE feeding the super labs.

- The initial results were very positive: Declining meth purity and increasing meth price throughout most of the United States.

- **Mexico has now banned PSE entirely.**

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Conclusion

The case:

- As a result of this success, many states that have not moved PSE to prescription have experienced a **surge of smurfing and a resurgence of meth labs.**



- This is very bad news for public safety, the environment, and drug endangered children.

- Electronic monitoring of PSE sales is burdensome, expensive, ineffective, and reactive.

- Instead, be proactive. Oregon completely eliminated smurfing without all of that trouble and expense, simply by returning PSE to a prescription drug, as it was prior to 1976.

- **Move PSE to prescription only. Pass California SB 484.**