

# Effectively monitor prescription drug use and standardize protocols

## The high cost of prescription drug misuse

In addition to the millions of lives affected and thousands lost, the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse in the US is substantial: \$78.5 billion a year, including healthcare, lost productivity, and addiction treatment costs.<sup>1</sup> Prescription drug monitoring programs and protocols are more vital than ever.

## Quest Diagnostics provides solutions for effective clinical drug monitoring

Initiate a clinical drug monitoring program or enhance an existing one with comprehensive services and solutions from Quest.



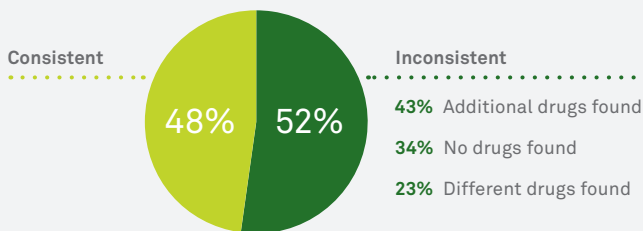
### Clinical drug monitoring test menu and clinical support

- A comprehensive test menu to identify use or non-use of prescription, illicit, and designer drugs
- Oral fluid sample collection available as an alternative to urine for drug testing
- State-of-the-art technology with enhanced sensitivity to better detect benzodiazepines and opioids
- Dedicated prescription toxicology consultative support at 1.877.40.RXTOX (1.877.407.9869)

Quest's drug-testing options, tools, and technologies can help minimize over-testing and efficiently deliver insights needed to make a difference.

## Prescription drug results distribution<sup>2</sup>

Over half of test results were inconsistent with their prescribed medication regimen.



From 2009 to 2015, the average cost to treat overdose patients in hospital ICUs increased by

**58%**<sup>3</sup>



### Results and trend reporting

- Support physician/patient interactions with easy-to-read results
- medMATCH® results reporting for clear identification of prescribed drug(s) as specified by the ordering provider, or other non-prescribed or illicit drugs
- medMATCH® Trending Report to view a summary of your population results, compare rates with Quest's national database, and track positivity results



Contact your health systems representative today or visit [QuestDrugMonitoring.com](http://QuestDrugMonitoring.com) to learn more.

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