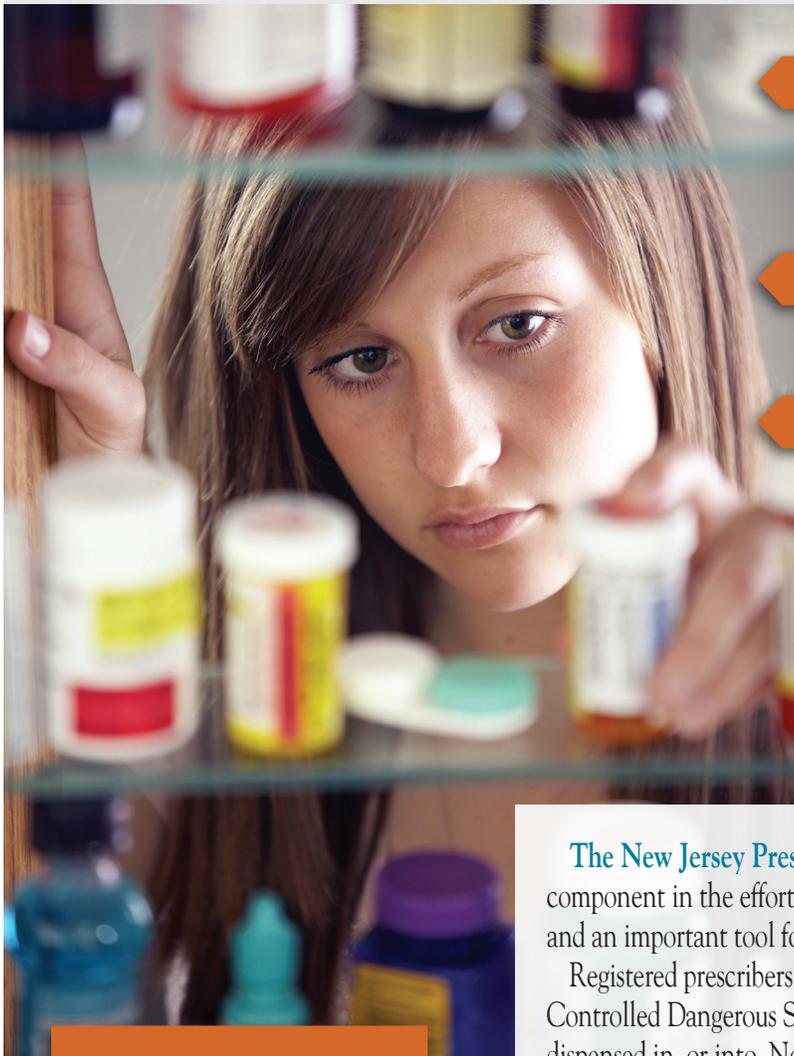


# For too many New Jerseyans **addiction begins** in the **medicine cabinet**



- ▶ The number of admissions to N.J. addiction treatment programs due to prescription drug abuse, rose by 200 percent from 2005 to 2010.
- ▶ Prescription painkiller overdose now kills more people in the U.S. than heroin and cocaine combined.
- ▶ Two in five teenagers mistakenly believe prescription drugs are “much safer” than illegal drugs.

Sources: SAMHSA, CDC, DEA



The New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program (NJ PMP) is an important component in the effort to halt the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs – and an important tool for patient care.

Registered prescribers and pharmacists can use the NJ PMP to find data on Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) and Human Growth Hormone (HGH) dispensed in, or into, New Jersey.

Prescribers can use this information to supplement their evaluation of a patient, verify a patient’s drug history, or document compliance with a therapeutic regimen.

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