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E-Cigarette Standards Will Protect Public Health: FDA Tobacco Chief



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will develop e-cigarette policies that will protect public health, the head of the agency's Center for Tobacco Products said Wednesday. The FDA is considering product standards in the areas of addiction, toxicity and product appeal.

FDA Approach to Painkiller Abuse Differs From CDC, White House



Not all parts of the federal government agree on how to approach the issue of prescription painkiller abuse, according to the Associated Press.

Use of Narcotic Painkillers Among Elderly Rising Sharply



Use of narcotic painkillers and anti-anxiety medications among elderly patients is rising sharply, according to an examination of Medicare data by USA Today. The newspaper found older patients are using the medications for longer periods than in the past.

[Research on Marijuana's Role in Car Crashes Expands as Drug Availability Grows](#)



As marijuana becomes more readily available, a growing number of researchers are studying the possible link between marijuana and fatal car crashes, USA Today reports.

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