

# **Emerging Addiction Medicine Policy Initiative**

**UPDATE 3/18:**

**APPLICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION ARE NOW CLOSED, THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO APPLIED!**

**WE ARE STILL EAGER TO FIND MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR PRIMARILY VOLUNTEER-DRIVEN EFFORT (WHICH INCLUDES OUR FOUNDER). WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROFESSIONALS WITH EXPERIENCE IN OR PASSION FOR ADDICTION WORK AND WHO CONNECT WITH OUR MISSION AS DESCRIBED BELOW. EVEN JUST BEING AVAILABLE OCCASIONALLY FOR QUESTIONS OR INTRODUCTIONS WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL FOR US!**

## **Part-Time Researcher / Journalist, Biomed and Data**

**(10-20 Hours Per Week)**

We are a new, as yet unnamed, non-profit project focused on the opiate crisis and potential breakthrough treatments for addiction and overdose. Our thesis is that development of new medicines for substance use disorders is radically underfunded relative to the scale of the negative health and social impacts. Please see the charts below.

We are currently a nearly full-time founder with experience in public policy, tech, science, and investing, and a part-time data scientist who is creating charts for the project.

We are looking to build ongoing research capacity to develop a strong analytical argument for the public, the industry, and policy makers. We are currently seeking a part-time researcher and writer with experience in biology, medicine, or the biomed industry and with some understanding of data science.

We want someone who is excited to dive into an important and complex research arena, learn as much as possible, stay on top of new developments and debates in the field, and bring an open-minded approach to everything we examine, driven by facts and logic. We are non-ideological and are looking for real answers. We are largely US-oriented because of the scale of the crisis in the US and because most of the research and pharma resources are based in the US. That being said, we have non-US collaborators and we are interested in global solutions.

This will be our first paid research position and it is something of an experiment for us. Responsibilities and time per week may shift a bit.

### **Skills, Experience, and Responsibilities**

- Experience or knowledge in biology, medicine, or biomed.
  - PhD level training would be excellent but even someone outside these fields who can demonstrate deep knowledge and ability could work.
- Must be able to read and understand scientific medical publications and social science research papers with a high level of granularity.
- Must be extremely organized and good at organizing.
  - You will help us develop some workflows for studying the field and keeping up with new developments and potentially restructuring our current research process.
- Skilled writing and editing abilities. You will collaborate on research, writing, and editing for Substack and other outlets.
- Knowledge and interest in AI research tools, analysis services, etc.

### **Optional Bonus Skills**

- Interest in outreach to experts, scientists, and writers in the area.
- Personal experiences or interest in the field of addiction or drug abuse.
- Interest in promotional activities to grow the project, including contacting people and participating in online or in person discussion groups.
- Graphic design experience of any kind.
- Fun to work with!

Pay rate: \$30 - \$50 per hour, depending on experience.

Time: 10-20 hours a week.

To Apply: email us at [addictionpolicyinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:addictionpolicyinitiative@gmail.com) and include your resume and a message about your experience and why you are interested in the position.

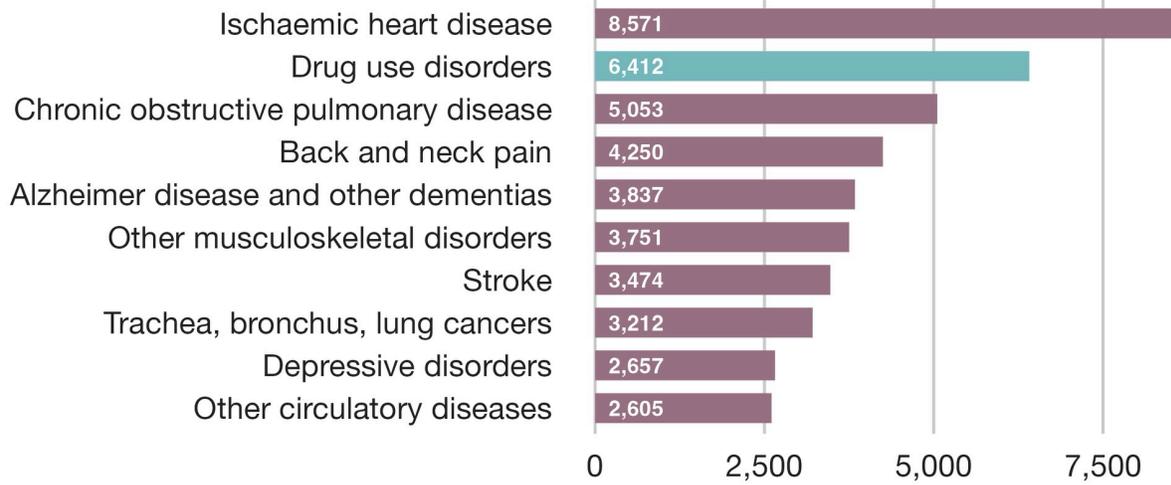
Thank you!

p.s. We are also looking for more volunteers with expertise in policy research, social science research, medical science, data, outreach, editing, and publishing. We are a volunteer-led effort. Be in touch!

**WHY WE THINK THIS MATTERS, IN 4 CHARTS**

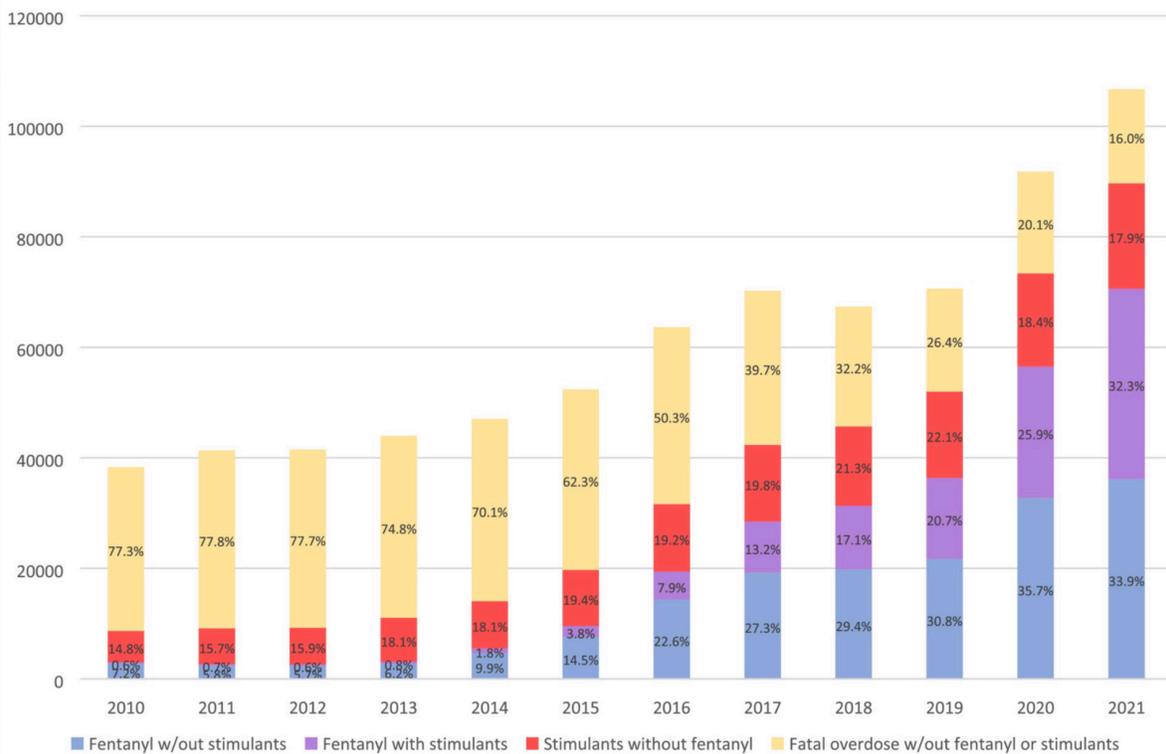
# 10 most frequent causes of DALYs in the U.S.

DALYs per 100,000 population



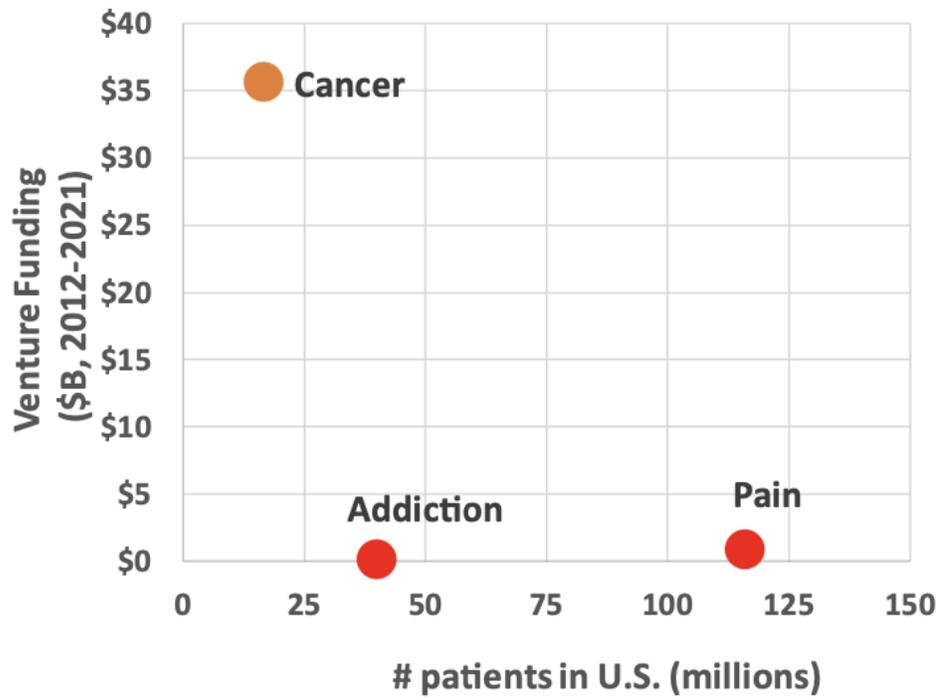
Source: WHO

Overdose Deaths by Fentanyl and Stimulant Presence, 2010-2021



Control and Prevention's wide-ranging Online Database for Epidemiologic Research. Of note, small increases

### U.S. Prevalence vs. U.S. Venture Funding



### U.S. Economic Costs vs. US Venture Funding

