

2006 Global, Regional, and National opioid consumption statistics now available through PPSG's Country Profiles

The Pain & Policy Studies Group (PPSG) now provides 2006 global, regional, and national consumption data for fentanyl, hydromorphone, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, and pethidine through the Country Profiles section of the PPSG's international website.

A review of the 2006 INCB morphine data reported by governments reveals that 7 high-income countries (United States, France, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, and Australia) accounted for nearly 84% of medical morphine consumed in the world, but comprise less than 12% of the world's population. These figures point to the large and continuing disparity in morphine consumption among countries, and provide further evidence of the inadequate global treatment of pain, especially in low- and middle-income countries.

The Country Profiles can be accessed at <http://www.painpolicy.wisc.edu/internat/countryprofiles.htm> or from the PPSG homepage under International Resources.