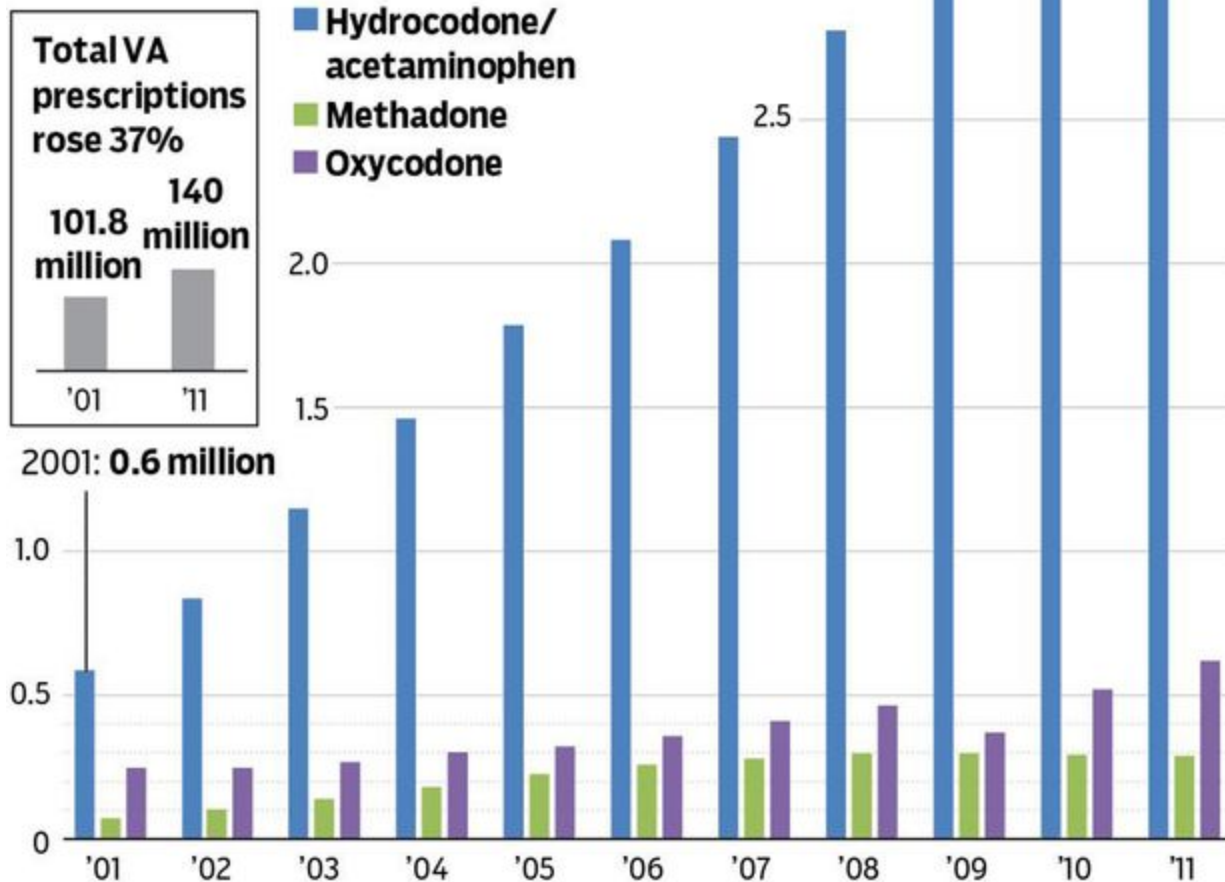


VA administered prescriptions, 2001-11

Prescriptions for hydrocodone, often sold under the brand name Vicodin, have soared since the beginning of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.



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