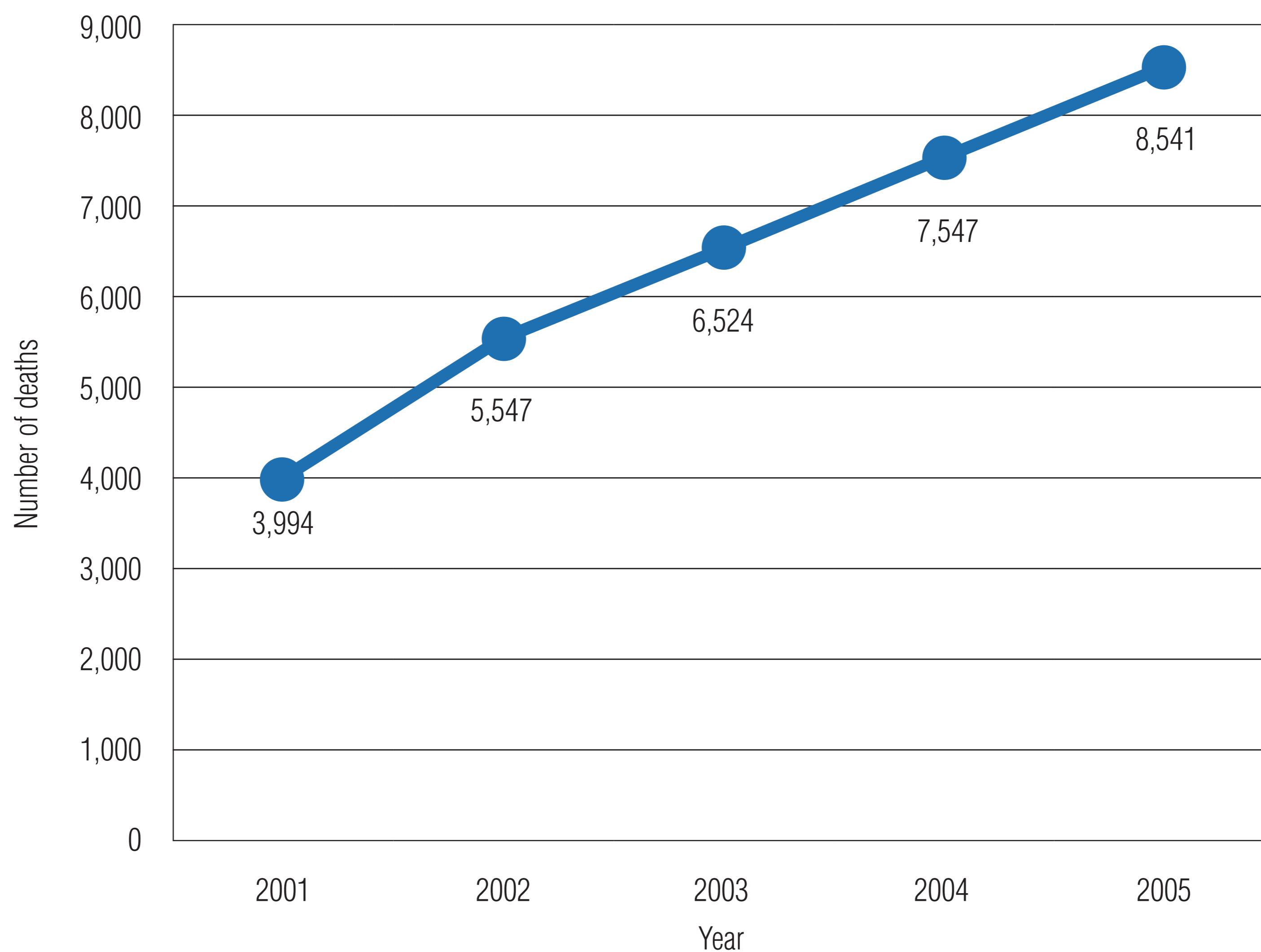


The Necessity for REMS

“Prescription abuse and overdose are problems—we can’t turn our back on them and we can’t stop prescribing—something has to be done”

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Prescription Opioid Analgesic Deaths Nationwide, 2001–2005



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), unintentional overdose deaths involving prescription opioids increased 114% from 2001 to 2005¹

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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