

# [DENS – Drug Evaluation Network System]



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**Digital, Virtually Real-Time Information for Policymakers and Treatment Providers**

*National Drug Control Policy Director John Walters in drug impacted inner city Philadelphia neighborhood en route to acclaimed Project HOME treatment center*

## DENS Ends the Guesswork and Helps Heal

- ▶ Tracks Drug Use Patterns Across America
- ▶ Analyzes new intake prisoner/patient info transmitted digitally to DENS from drug courts and from local, state and federal drug treatment centers
- ▶ Patients' privacy protected
- ▶ Gives treatment centers software that speeds effective evaluation of new patients' needs resulting in more effective treatment in less time
- ▶ Integrates ONDCP's new Random Access Monitoring of Narcotics Abusers (RAMONA) system, expected to give policy makers much more accurate count of hard core drug abusers
- ▶ Created by highly regarded treatment experts Herb Kleber, MD of Columbia University in New York and Dr. A. Thomas McLellan of the University of Pennsylvania's Treatment Research Institute in Philadelphia, where DENS is based
- ▶ Future DENS output: Evaluating effectiveness of wide range of treatment modalities and programs within context of evolving drug abuse trends.



*From left to right:  
Dr. McLellan  
Dr. Kleber  
Treatment Center Administrator  
Using DENS*