There is widespread concern that psychotropic drugs are prescribed to children in the United States at an alarming rate. Given the traumatic experiences that most children in state custody have experienced, it is not surprising that many exhibit behavioral issues rooted in abuse or neglect. Although it is every state’s policy that psychotropic medications be prescribed and administered only when medically necessary, children in state custody are particularly vulnerable to over-prescription at stunningly high rates, far higher than children in the general population.

In this talk, Dr. Chandrasekhar will provide an overview of their collaboration with the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services and use it as a motivating example for prescriber profiling. She will provide an overview of how statistical profiling techniques have evolved through the years, recent methodological advances and ongoing work in this area. The challenges in implementing prescriber profiling and areas for future research and development will be highlighted.

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