

Prescription information is now **uploaded daily** by pharmacies, providing prescribers and pharmacists with up-to-date data.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To register an account and use the PDMP, visit www.hidinc.com/copdmp

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

DORA - Colorado State Board of Pharmacy, 303-894-5957 or pdmpingr@state.co.us

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:

855-263-6403 or copdmp-infor@hidinc.com

Patients can obtain a copy of their medical information contained in PDMP by completing a form at www.hidinc.com/copdmp/consumers

Additional guidance for practitioners can be found in the Policy for Prescribing and Dispensing Opioids issued by the regulatory boards at the Department of Regulatory Agencies at: www.dora.colorado.gov/professions.



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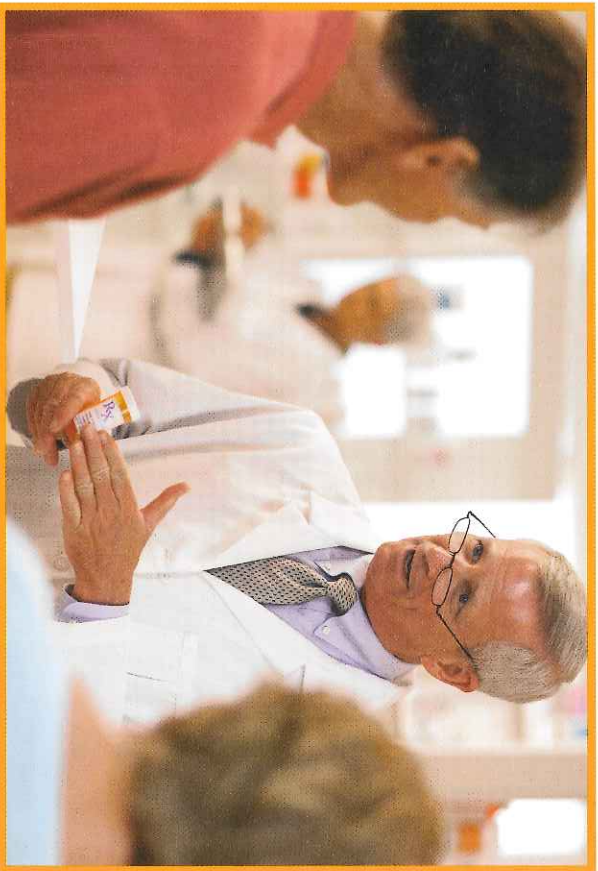


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Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Significant changes to the PDMP are streamlining the process for prescribers and pharmacists, making it quicker and easier to find information.



HELP STOP DRUG MISUSE IN COLORADO - USE THE PDMP

The quantity of opioids being prescribed each year in Colorado is enough for every adult to take one pill every hour of every day for one entire month. The rate of prescription drug deaths has nearly quadrupled in the last 12 years, and now exceeds the number of deaths caused by drunk driving. Interestingly, prescription drug abuse often begins with legitimate use.

The Colorado Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is a powerful tool for prescribers and dispensers to help reduce prescription drug misuse, abuse and diversion; helping them to make more informed decisions when considering prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance to a patient.

PDMP ACCOUNT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY LAW

A new law requires PDMP account registration by Colorado pharmacists and licensed prescribers who are registered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for prescribing controlled substances. These prescribers include:

- Dentists
- Nurses with Prescriptive Authority
- Optometrists
- Physicians and Physician Assistants
- Podiatrists
- Veterinarians

CHANGES MAKE THE PDMP MORE USER-FRIENDLY AND FUNCTIONAL

Recent changes to the PDMP make it easier and more useful than ever. User interface enhancements and daily data uploads by pharmacies ensure that prescription information is timely and accessible. In addition, practitioners can assign sub-accounts for up to three members of their healthcare team (beginning January 2015), making it easier for prescribers to get the patient information they need.

PUT A STOP TO DOCTOR-SHOPPING

Prescribers and dispensers can use the PDMP to stop “doctor-shopping,” a tactic used to secure prescription drugs for misuse, abuse or diversion from multiple prescribers or dispensers without their knowledge. Prescribers and pharmacies now receive “push notices” from the PDMP when their patient obtains prescriptions for controlled substances from multiple sources and in potentially harmful quantities. Information in the notice is issued for the purpose of assisting providers in delivering optimal care for their patient and should be interpreted in a clinical context. Push notices help when assessing the possibility of drug misuse or diversion and coordinating care among the patient’s prescribers.

Additional guidance for practitioners on risk-assessments and other safeguards for powerful painkillers can be found in the *Policy for Prescribing and Dispensing Opioids* issued by the regulatory boards at the Department of Regulatory Agencies at: www.dora.colorado.gov/professions. By issuing a policy that provides guidelines, not Board rules or requirements, the Boards acknowledge the importance of clinical judgment in the treatment of pain and determining the appropriate response to a PDMP push notice.

In March 2014, a Colorado patient visited eight prescribers and eight pharmacies to receive 11 controlled substance prescriptions. This patient’s prescription history (within PDMP) could have been queried by 16 prescribers or pharmacists during this time frame, yet not a single query for the patient’s history occurred that month.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PDMP

Pharmacies upload prescription data every regular business day for controlled medications listed in Schedules II to V that are dispensed to Colorado patients.

WHO CAN DIRECTLY ACCESS THE PDMP

Prescribers and pharmacists with registered accounts may access information on patients under their care. In January 2015, they may begin assigning sub-accounts to up to three members of their healthcare team.

WHO CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE PDMP

- Regulatory boards in the Department of Regulatory Agencies with a valid court order or subpoena
- Law enforcement officers with a valid court order or subpoena
- Practitioners and pharmacists in other states treating Colorado patients through the PDMP Inter-Connect
- Patients can receive a copy of their own information

REGISTER AN ACCOUNT AND USE THE PDMP

- Today, only a small percentage of Colorado prescribers and pharmacists are using the PDMP before they prescribe or dispense:
- Prescribers use the PDMP for only 10% of Colorado patients receiving controlled substance prescriptions
 - Pharmacists use the PDMP for only 22% of Colorado patients receiving controlled substance prescriptions

REGISTERING AND USING THE PDMP COULD SAVE LIVES

Visit www.hidinc.com/copdmp to register an account and use the PDMP. Registration requires a date of birth, social security number, license number or prescriptive authority ID number, and DEA number (not applicable for pharmacists and physicians with training licenses).