



## Time to register for Pennsylvania's new Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

In an effort to combat the opioid and heroin epidemic and to empower medical professionals to identify patients struggling with addiction, the Wolf Administration is launching a new Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ([PA PDMP](#)).

Registration for the new PA PDMP system is **now open** — [click here to get started!](#) The system will be ready for query starting on **Aug. 25, 2016**.

Registration is a straightforward process. **You will also be able to grant access to delegates** employed by you or under your supervision to check the system on your behalf. To learn more about who can be your delegate, please visit the [PA PDMP website](#).

[Tutorials on how to register](#) for the PA PDMP system are also available on the PA PDMP website.

**Registering for the PA PDMP is the critical first step to accessing valuable clinical information to better care for your patients.**

The PA PDMP will increase the quality of patient care by giving prescribers and pharmacists access to their patients' controlled substance prescription history. With this valuable data, you will be better able to spot the warning signs of addiction, doctor shopping and drug diversion.

Most importantly, you will be able to identify patients struggling with substance use disorder, so that you can help them get the treatment they need.

**Valuable tools are at your fingertips.**

In addition to the PA PDMP, you have other valuable tools available to help you combat this epidemic:

- **Continuing medical education (CME):** In collaboration with the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Department of Health contributed to the development of four [continuing medical education \(CME\) modules](#) about Pennsylvania's opioid crisis. One CME module is entirely focused on the PA PDMP. All CME modules are available at no cost for prescribers through June 30, 2017.
- **Opioid prescribing guidelines:** In partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Department of Health has convened the Safe and Effective Prescribing Practices Task Force to create [opioid prescribing guidelines](#) for prescribers and dispensers across the commonwealth. The multi-stakeholder task force has developed seven evidence-based prescribing guidelines, including ones for emergency care, dentistry, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, pharmacy, chronic non-cancer pain, and use of addiction treatment medication for the treatment of pregnant patients with opioid use disorder.

Together we can save thousands of Pennsylvanians from opioid abuse, heroin abuse and overdose death.

[Click here to register for the PA PDMP system.](#)

Please visit the [PA PDMP website](#) for the latest updates on the program. The site offers a general Q&A page, more details for dispensers and prescribers, and contact information for the PA PDMP office.

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