

## **ND Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (ND PDMP) Frequently Asked Questions**

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## General Questions:

### What is the purpose of the NDPDMP?

North Dakota's PDMP is designed to focus on better patient care. Gathering data from dispensers and making it available to law enforcement, practitioners and pharmacies will be our most important tool in reducing doctor-shopping, pharmacy-shopping, prescription forgery and the resulting diversion of prescription medications into illegitimate channels.

### What states have a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program?

To see an up-to-date list of the states which have a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, please [click here](#). If the website does not open, please allow or disable your pop-up blocker.

### What are the requirements to request a profile?

Data is available in a patient-specific format for law enforcement, prescribers, and pharmacists. Law enforcement officials must have an active investigation to request a history report. A prescriber/practitioner or pharmacist must have a current patient relationship or new appointment scheduled to request a report. Obtaining data on any other person is a violation of the statute.

### How far back do the records go?

Records are retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and will be saved on the database for 3 years after the prescription date.

### Is the data complete and accurate?

NDPDMP does not warrant any report to be accurate or complete. The report is based on the search criteria entered and the data entered from the dispensers. For more information about a prescription in NDPDMP report or to verify a prescription, contact the facility where the prescription was dispensed.

### Which drugs are tracked by the NDPDMP?

Drugs included: All controlled substances, schedules II – V  
Carisoprodol products (e.g. Soma<sup>®</sup>)  
Tramadol products (e.g. Ultram<sup>®</sup>)

### Where does the information originate?

All of the NDPDMP data comes from the dispenser.

### How long are the files stored in the database?

The data will be stored for 3 years after the prescription date.

### Can I show the profile history report to the patient?

Yes. This is up to your professional judgment. If errors are suspected you can contact Kathy at the ND PDMP office.

### Can I share the patient profile history report with the other practitioners on the report?

You may contact the other practitioners and pharmacies on the report, however you may not copy or distribute the report that was generated for you. If they would like a report on that patient, they may request one at any time.

Should this report be filed with the patients' permanent record?

This is up to your judgment when caring for your patient.

## How-To:

How do I request a profile?

You may request a profile on a ND patient at any time by going to [www.nodakpharmacy.com](http://www.nodakpharmacy.com), click on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program link located on the left-hand side, print out the form, and fax it to 701-328-9536. We will fax the profile back to you within one business day.

How do I request online direct access to the NDPDMP?

A pilot program has been initiated allowing direct access to profile history reports. Currently access is limited to pain clinic specialists, emergency room directors, and a select number of family practitioners and pharmacists. If you would like to be a part of the trial access group, please contact the office at 701-328-9537.

## Pharmacy Reporting:

How often are we required to report?

ND laws states that by September 2008, all pharmacies must report daily. However, if dispensing pharmacy does not have the technology or does not fill controlled substance prescriptions for ND residents a [waiver](#) may be requested. Please contact the office by email [ndbophpdmp@btinet.net](mailto:ndbophpdmp@btinet.net).

Do we report to the database if there are no records to report?

If there are no prescriptions to report and you are currently reporting, no action is needed. However, if you do not dispense controlled substances, please send a "Zero Report" to the NDPDMP office by email or fax. Please [contact the office before you submit your zero report for details](#).

We are an out-of-state pharmacy. Are we required to report to the NDPDMP?

If you are an out-of-state pharmacy and fill prescriptions for a ND resident, by sending their prescription in-state, you are required to have an Out-Of-State ND Pharmacy license and therefore report to the ND PDMP.

## References:

What are the laws associated with the NDPDMP?

[Click Here](#) to open the laws for the NDPDMP. You can also find this information at [www.nodakpharmacy.com](http://www.nodakpharmacy.com). Click on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Link.

What are the rules associated with the NDPDMP?

[Click Here](#) to open the rules for the NDPDMP. You can also find this information on the website at [www.nodakpharmacy.com](http://www.nodakpharmacy.com), click on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Link.

Where did this program originate?

The PDMP originated when HB 1459 was passed by the 2005 legislature. The purpose was to improve patient care by providing prescribers and pharmacists with a controlled substance dispensing history for their patients. An additional goal is to reduce the diversion and inappropriate use of controlled substances, by simplifying the investigation of specific cases.

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