

# PDMP DENTIST HIGHLIGHTS

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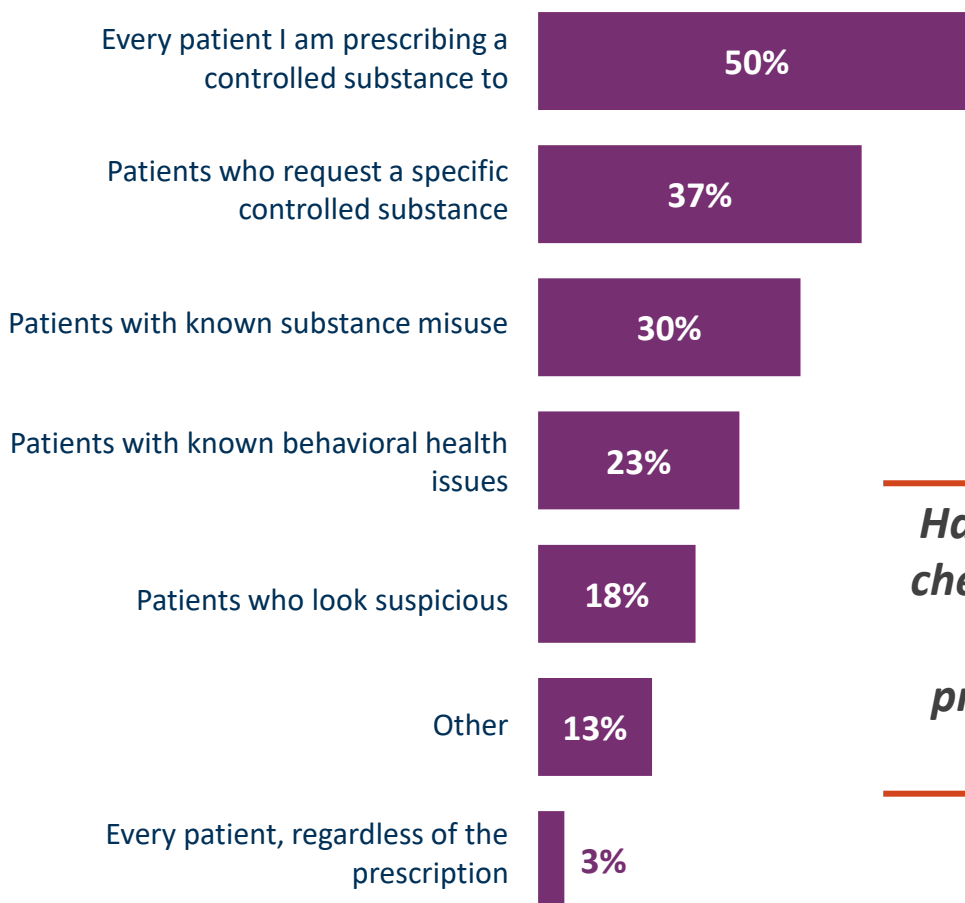
The **2021 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Awareness Feedback survey** was distributed to prescribers in Alaska to gauge their experience with the PDMP. This pamphlet shows the results of this survey for dentists who prescribe controlled substances. **There were 58 respondents.**

Please see main report for details.



*59% of dentists prescribe controlled substances at least monthly.*

## How do dentists decide when to check PDMP?



*Half of dentists said they check the PDMP for every patient they are prescribing a controlled substance to.*

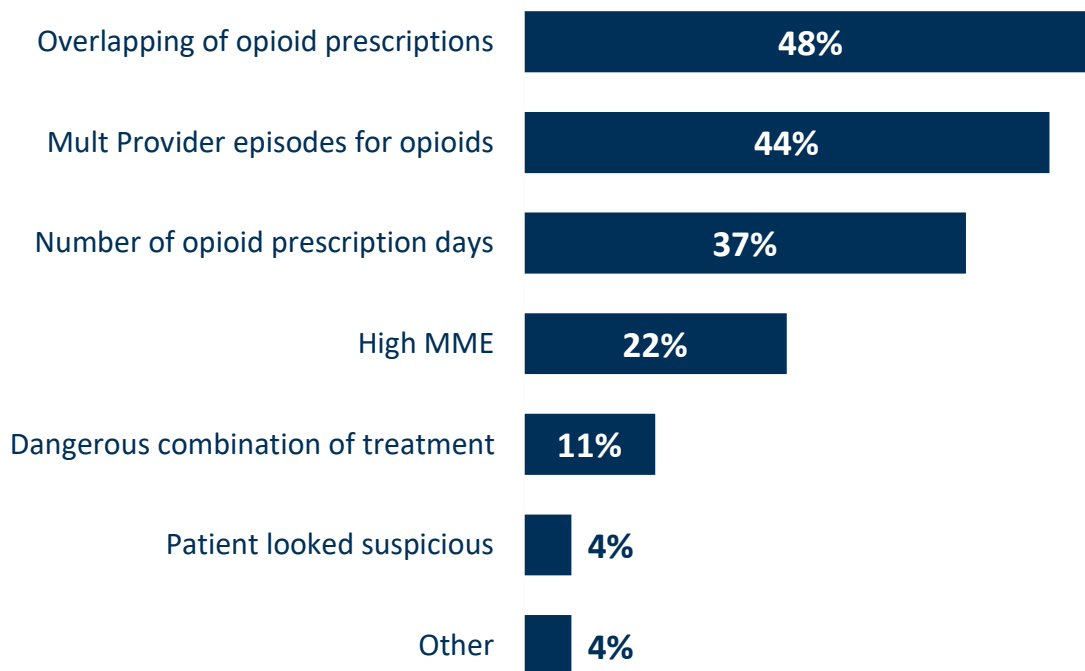
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## Denial of prescriptions

**47%**

*denied a prescription because of information found in PDMP*

### Reasons for Denial



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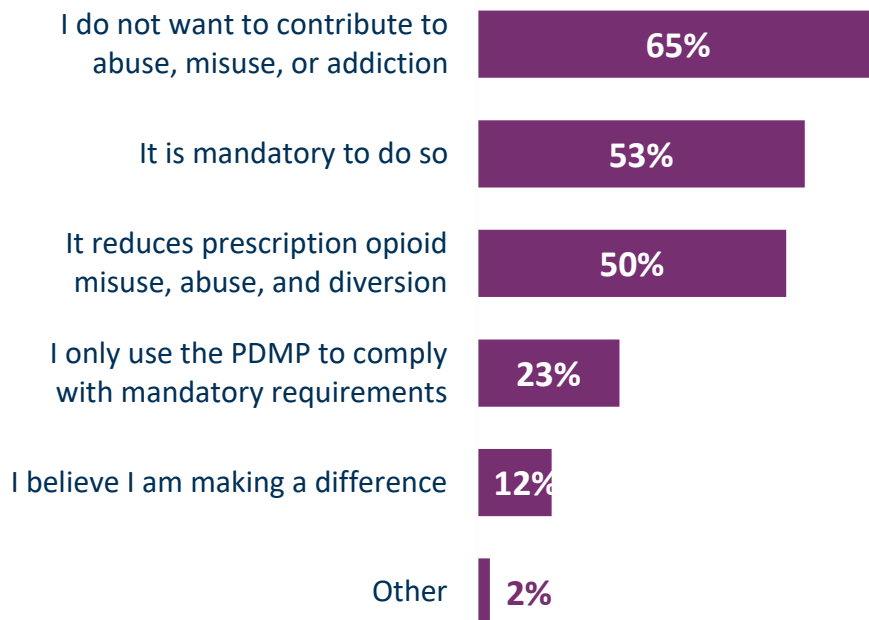


**6 out of 10** dentists found patient prescription history extremely or very valuable for informing decision making.

## PDMP usage and barriers to usage

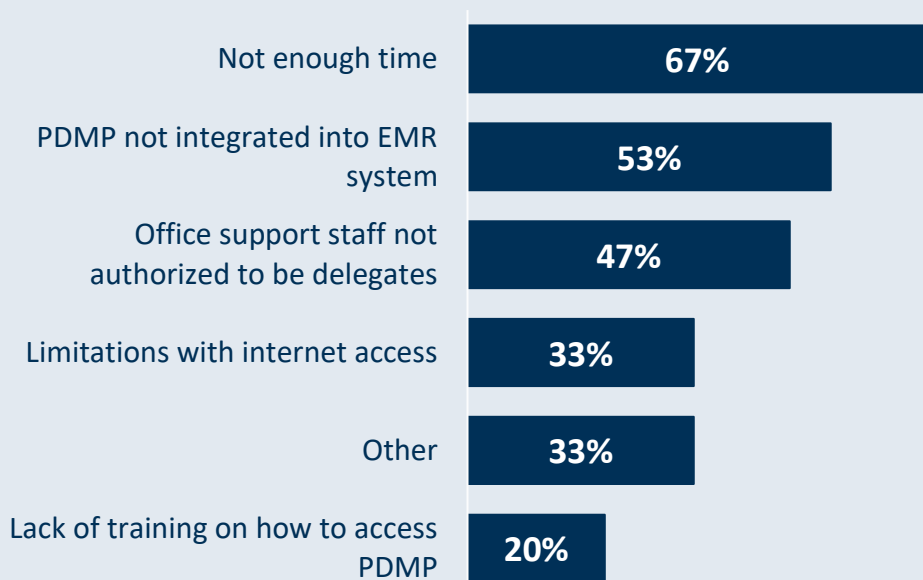
**Most dentists reported using the PDMP to combat the opioid epidemic.**

### Why dentists use PDMP



Note: Graph shows the top 3 and bottom 3 responses for Dentists.

### Barriers to using PDMP



**26%**  
*experienced barriers to using the PDMP*

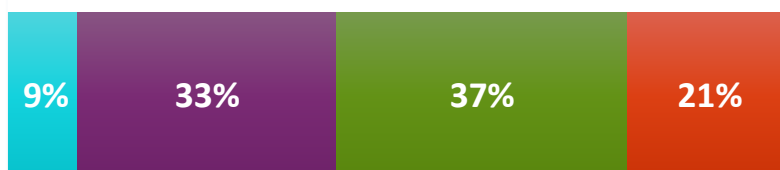
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## Report card & enhancements

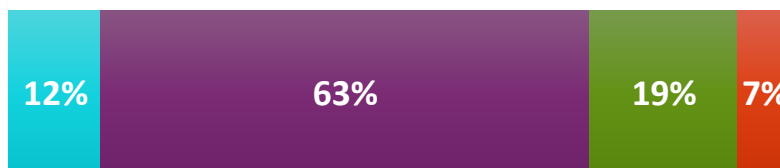


**77%** of dentists receive a prescriber report card.

I changed prescribing patterns as a result of report card



I was surprised by how I compare to other prescribers in same specialty



■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly disagree

\*Note: percents are calculated out of respondents who indicated that they do receive a report card.

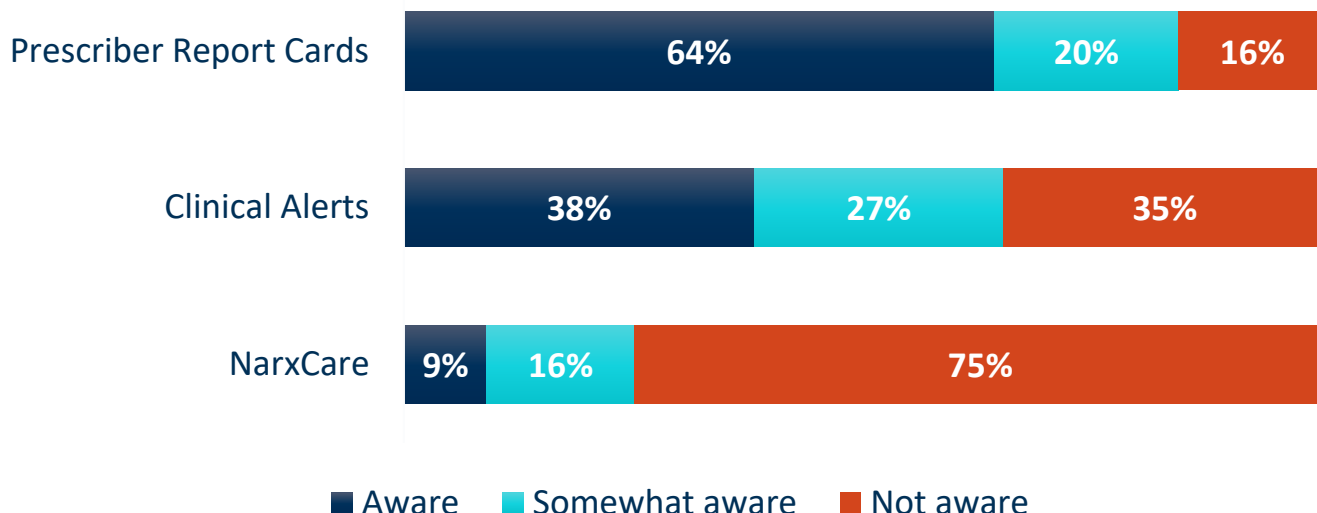
*Most dentists are not surprised by how they compared to other prescribers.*

*Only a few changed prescribing patterns based on report card.*

**44%**

*of dentists have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP. However, a large proportion (38%) also reported that they did not know they could.*

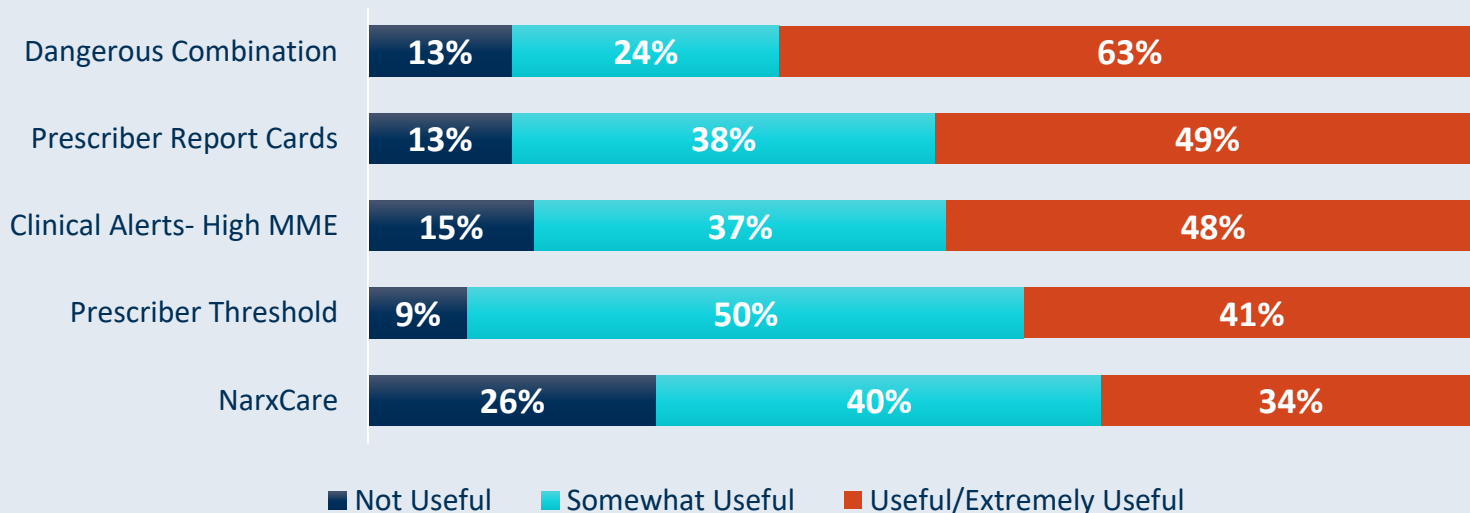
## Awareness of PDMP enhancements



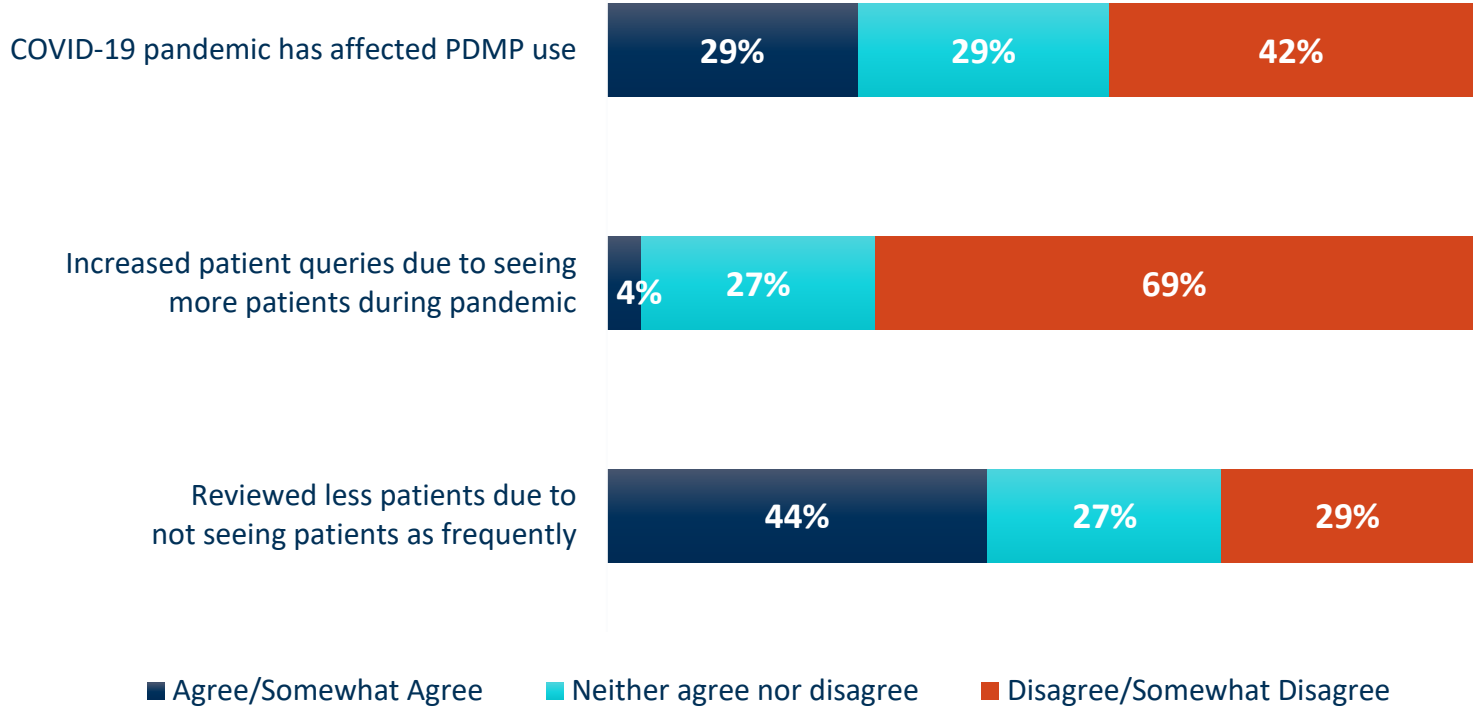
*Dentists were most aware of prescriber report cards and least aware of NarxCare enhancements.*

*The most useful PDMP enhancements are danger combination alerts, while NarxCare is considered the least useful.*

## Usefulness of PDMP enhancements



## Impacts of COVID-19



*Generally, dentists did not feel their PDMP use was affected by COVID-19. However, 44% at least somewhat agreed that they reviewed less patients due to not seeing them as frequently. Only 4% saw an increase in patient queries due to the pandemic.*

