


# PDMP DENTIST HIGHLIGHTS

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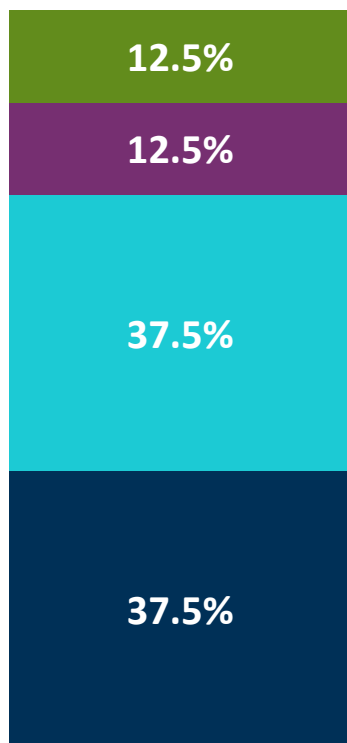
The **2023 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Awareness Feedback survey** was distributed to prescribers in Alaska to gauge their experience with the PDMP. This fact sheet shows the results of this survey for the **22** prescribing dentists who responded to the survey. The majority (87%) of dentists have been using the PDMP for at least 5-6 years.

Please see main report for details.



**73%**  
*of dentists prescribe controlled substances at least monthly.*

## How helpful is your licensing board regarding PDMP registration?



■ Not at all helpful   ■ Somewhat helpful  
■ Very helpful   ■ Extremely helpful

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**63%** of dentists found their board at least somewhat helpful, while half of dentists have **NOT** attempted to contact their board

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*Note:* Percents do not include respondents who said they had not contacted their board.

## When do dentists check the PDMP?

Every patient I am prescribing a controlled substance to

64%

Patients who request a specific controlled substance

55%

Patients with known substance misuse

27%

Patients who look suspicious

18%

Other

18%

Patients with known behavioral health issues

9%

Every patient, regardless of the prescription

0%

Note: Percents add up to more than 100% because of multiple selection.

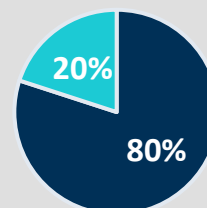
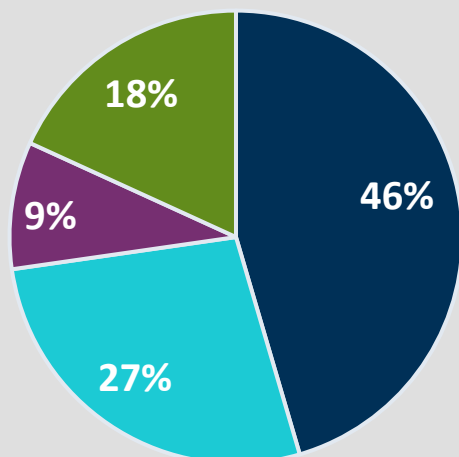
# 64%

Check the PDMP for every patient they are prescribing a controlled substance to

0 dentists directly dispense controlled substances.

Most dentists review patients in the PDMP *before* their appointment, and those that they review beforehand are patients with a current prescription or who they anticipate will need a prescription.

- Before appointment
- During appointment
- After appointment
- Other



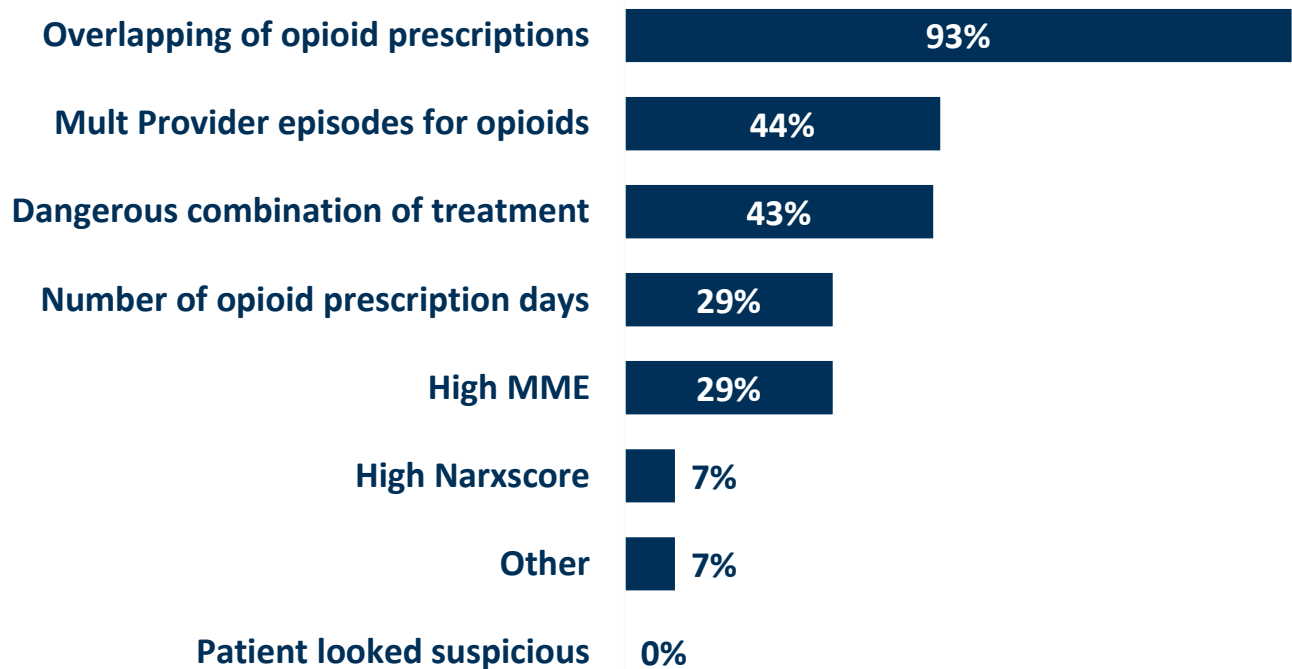
- Only patients with current Rx or who I anticipate will need Rx
- Other

## Denial of prescriptions

**64%**

*denied prescription because of information found in PDMP*

### Reasons for Denial



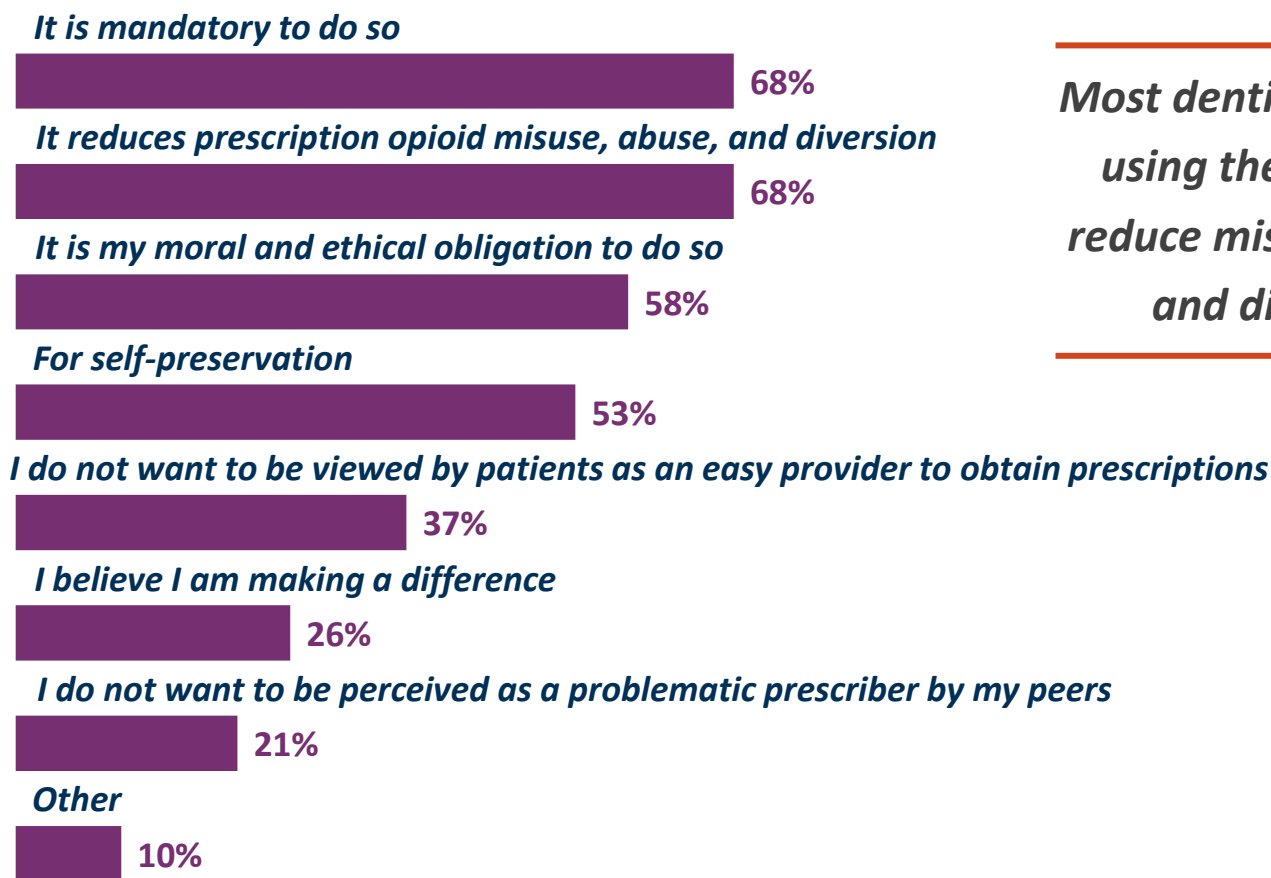
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**6 out of 10** dentists found patient prescription history extremely or very valuable for informing decision making.

## PDMP usage and barriers to usage

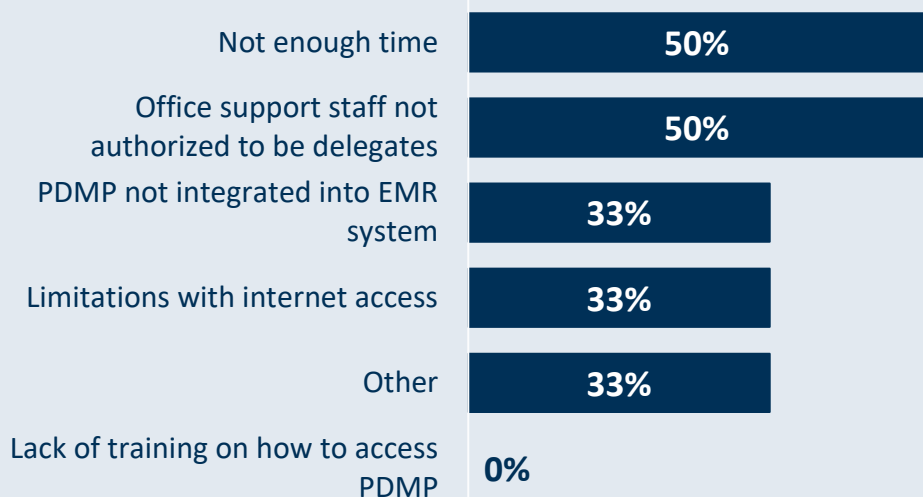
### Why dentists use PDMP



*Most dentists reported using the PDMP to reduce misuse, abuse, and diversion*

Note: Options with 0% selection are not shown on this graph.

### Barriers to using PDMP



**27%**  
*experienced barriers to using the PDMP*

Note: Percents add up to more than 100% because of multiple selection.

## Report card & enhancements



**73%** 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.

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*Nearly **half** of dentists were surprised by how they compared to other prescribers.*

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***No one** changed prescribing patterns based on report card.*

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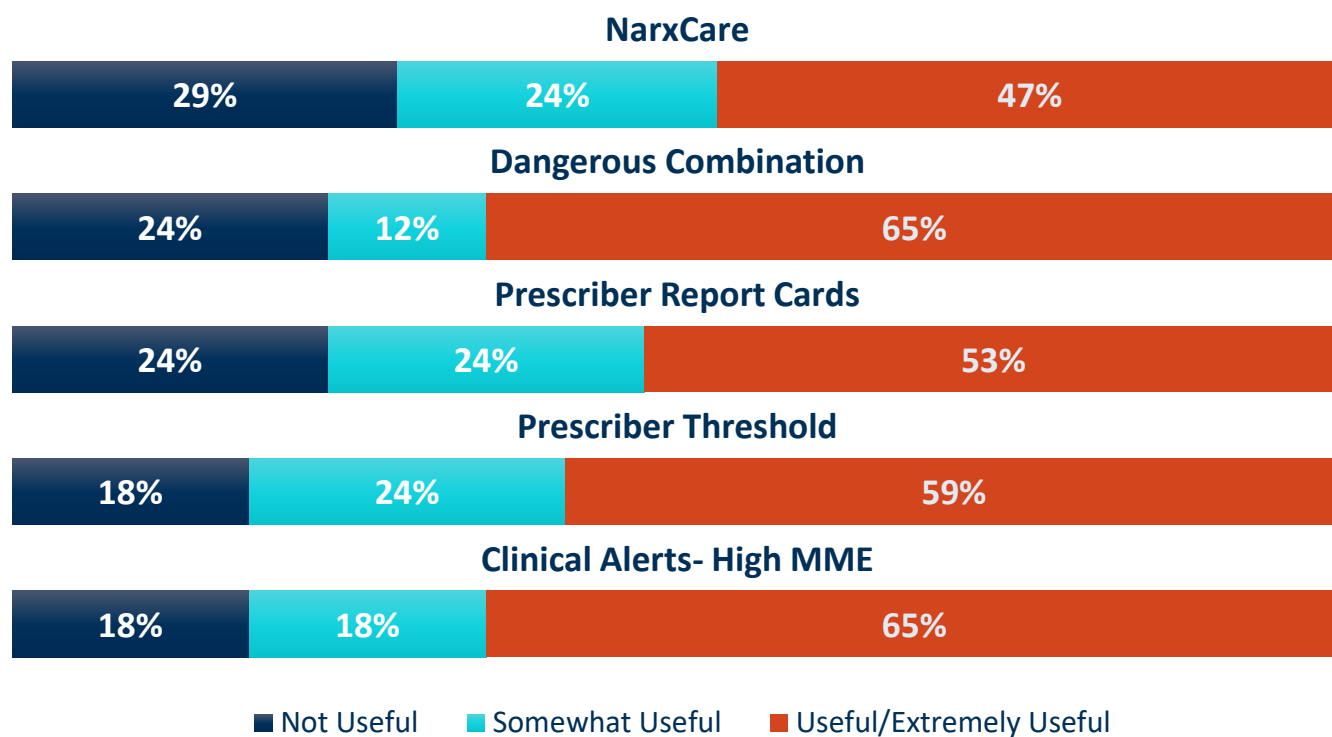
**41%**

*of dentists have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP*

**47%**

*also reported that they did not know they could*

## Usefulness of PDMP Enhancements



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*The most useful enhancements are dangerous combination alerts, while Narxcare is considered the least useful.*

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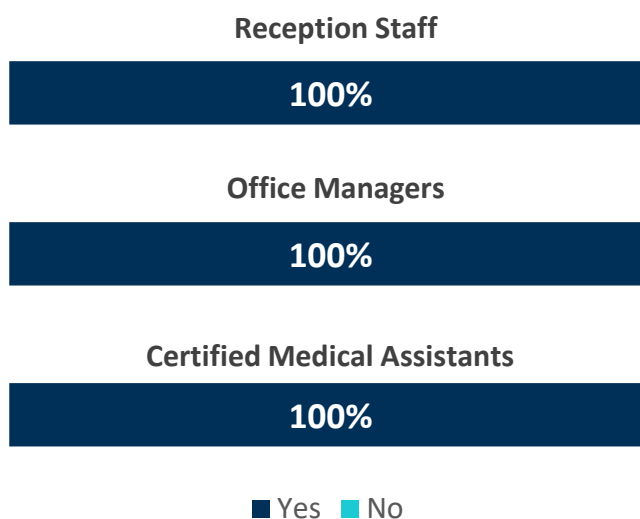
## Use of Authorized Delegates



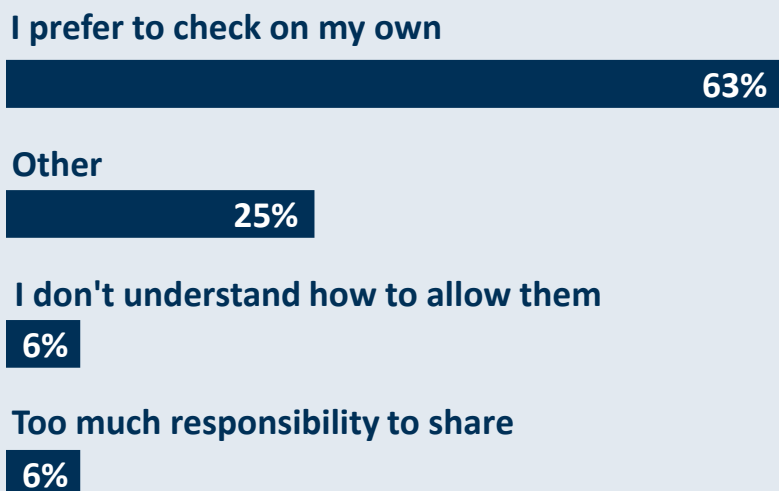
**6%** of Dentists have authorized Delegates on their accounts.

### Who should be delegates?

*Most dentists with authorized delegates had 1-2 delegates on their account (100%) and found delegates to be very helpful (100%).*



**31%** of Dentists who don't have delegates are interested in learning about adding delegates.



*The majority of dentists don't have delegates because they prefer to check on their own.*

## Impacts of COVID-19

Increased patient queries due to seeing more patients during pandemic



Reviewed less patients due to not seeing patients as frequently



■ Strongly Agree   ■ Agree   ■ Neither Agree nor Disagree   ■ Disagree   ■ Strongly Disagree

***Only 13% of dentists said their PDMP use was affected by COVID-19. However, those who did agreed that they reviewed less patients due to not seeing them as frequently.***

