

PDMP NURSE PRACTITIONER HIGHLIGHTS*

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 nurse practitioners who prescribe controlled substances. **There were 159 respondents.**

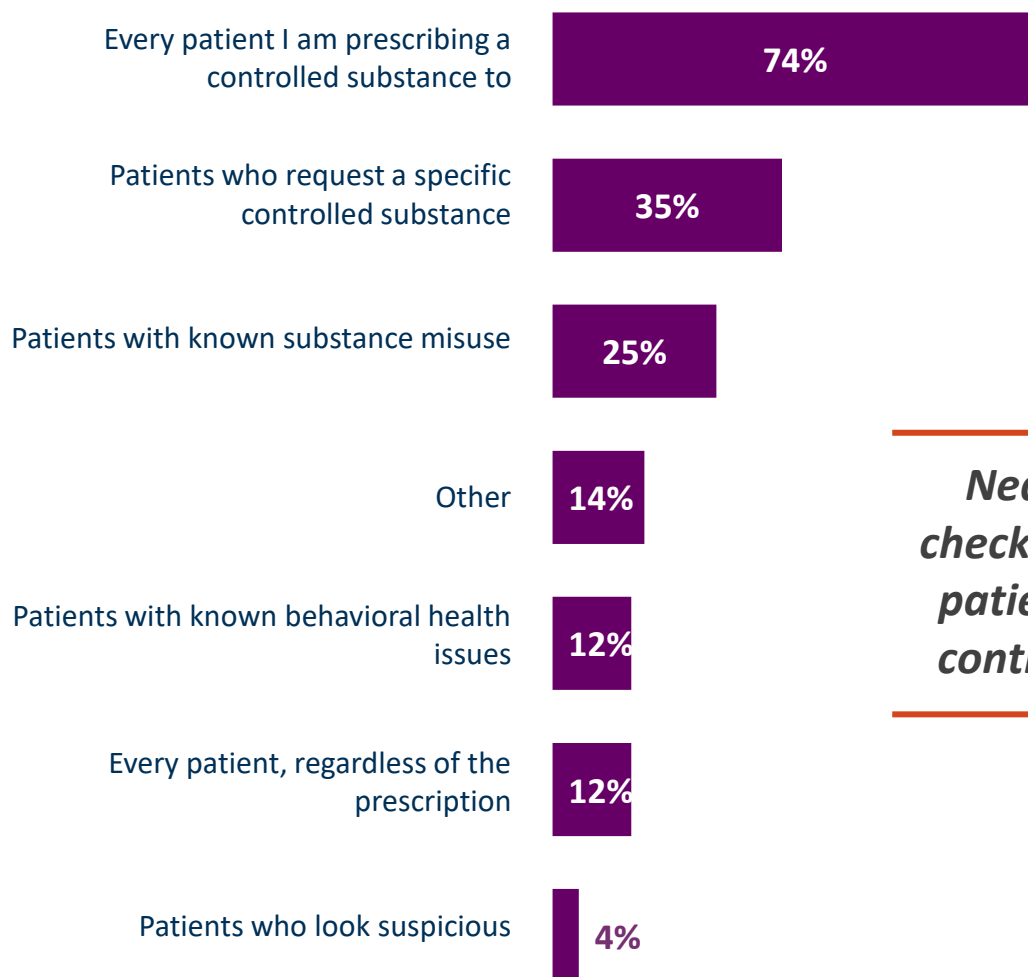
Please see main report for details.



71%

of NPs prescribe controlled substances at least monthly.

How do NPs decide when to check PDMP?



Nearly 3 out of 4 NPs check the PDMP for every patient they prescribe a controlled substance to.

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

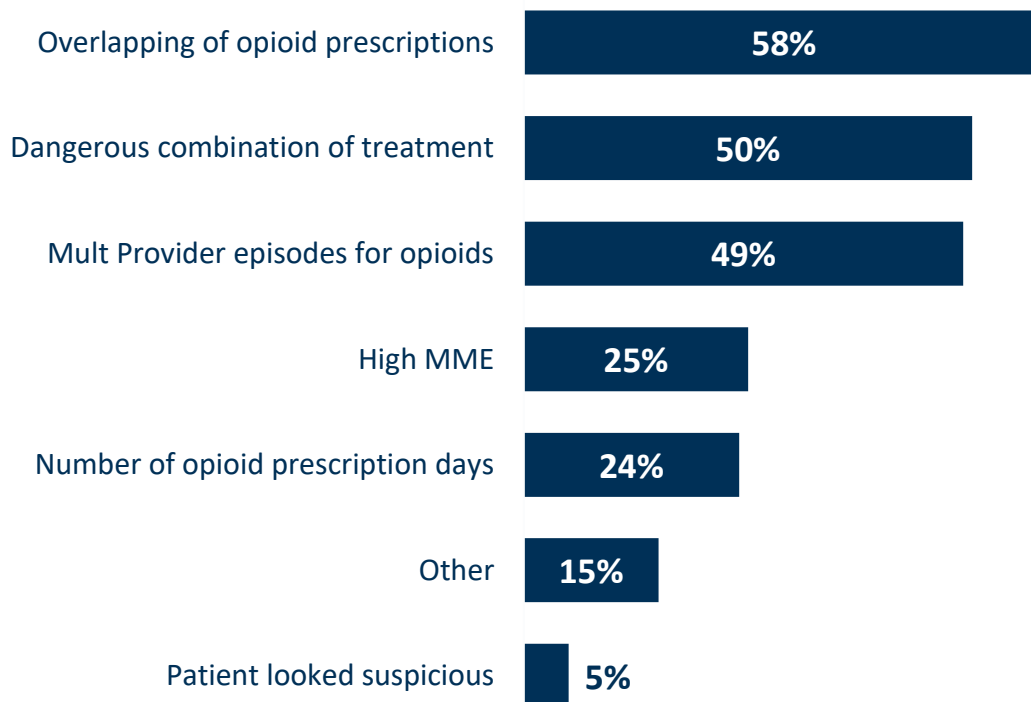
* Includes APRN, NP, CNM, CNS, CRNA

Denial of prescriptions

63%

denied a prescription because of information found in PDMP

Reasons for Denial



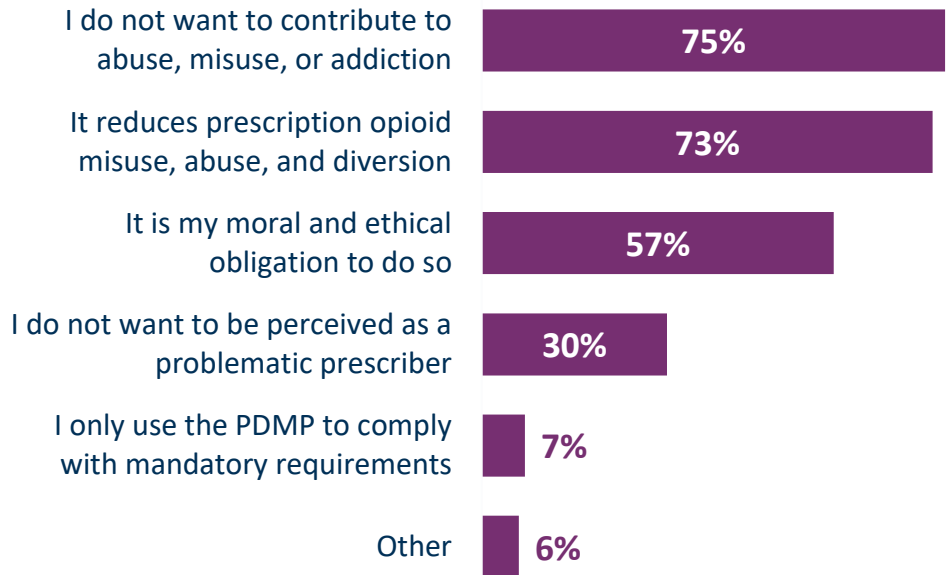
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84% of NPs found patient prescription history extremely or very valuable for informing decision making.

PDMP usage and barriers to usage

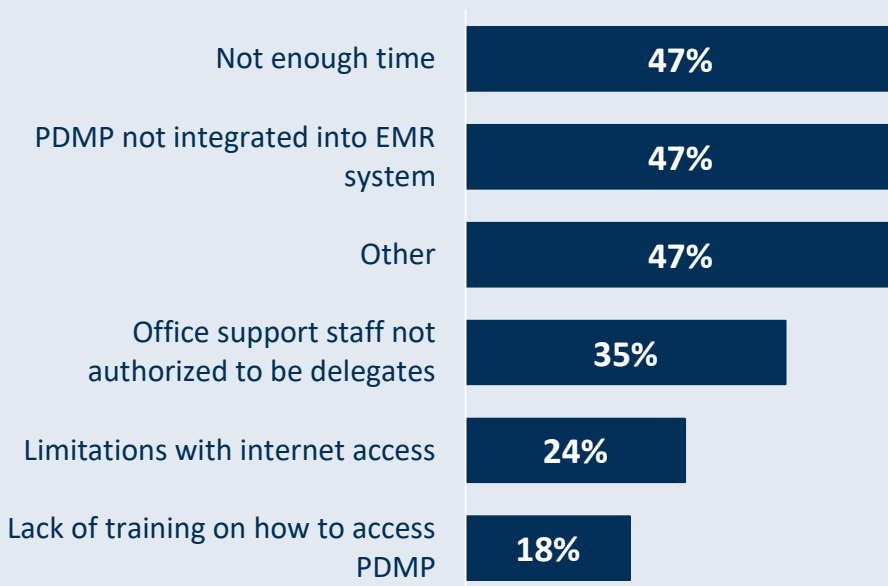
Most NPs reported using the PDMP to combat the opioid epidemic.

Why NPs use PDMP



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

Barriers to using PDMP



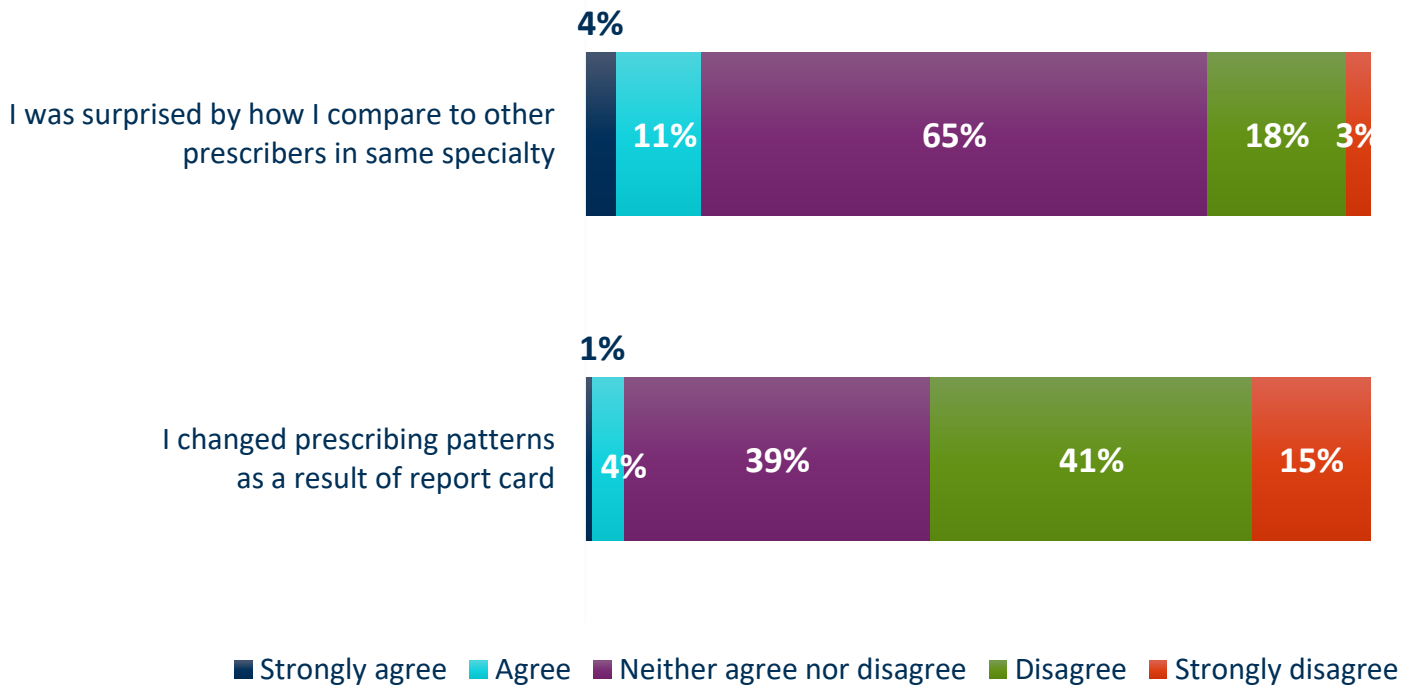
22%
experienced barriers to using the PDMP

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Report card & enhancements



74% of NPs receive a prescriber report card.



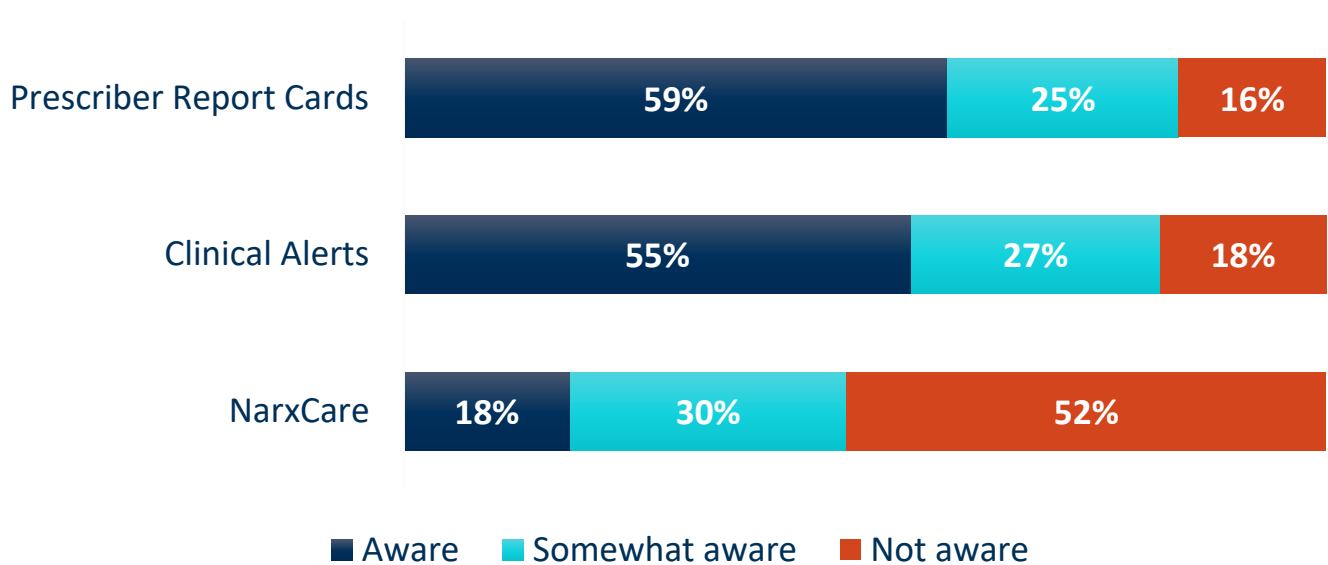
*Note: percents are calculated out of respondents who indicated that they do receive a report card.

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

Only a few changed prescribing patterns based on report card.

45% of NPs have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP. However, a large proportion (37%) also reported that they did not know they could.

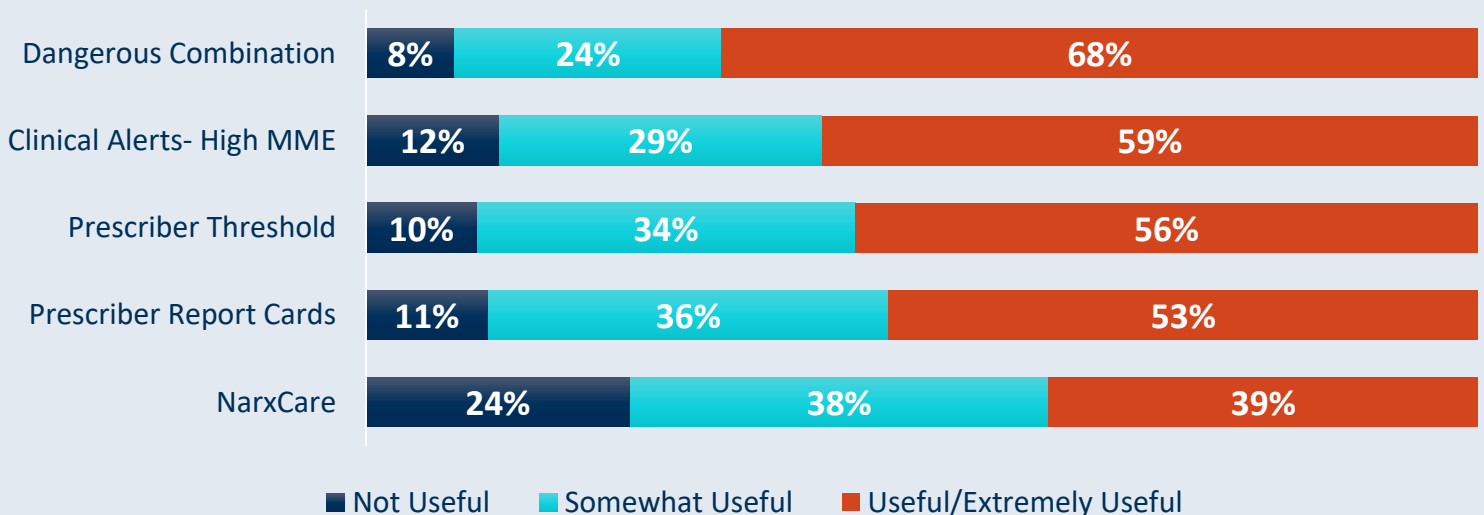
Awareness of PDMP enhancements



NPs 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

COVID-19 pandemic has affected PDMP use



Increased patient queries due to seeing more patients during pandemic



Reviewed less patients due to not seeing patients as frequently



■ Agree/Somewhat Agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Disagree/Somewhat Disagree

Generally, NPs did not feel their PDMP use was affected by COVID-19. However, 25% reported reviewing less patients due to not seeing them as frequently. Only 9% saw an increase in patient queries due to the pandemic.

