


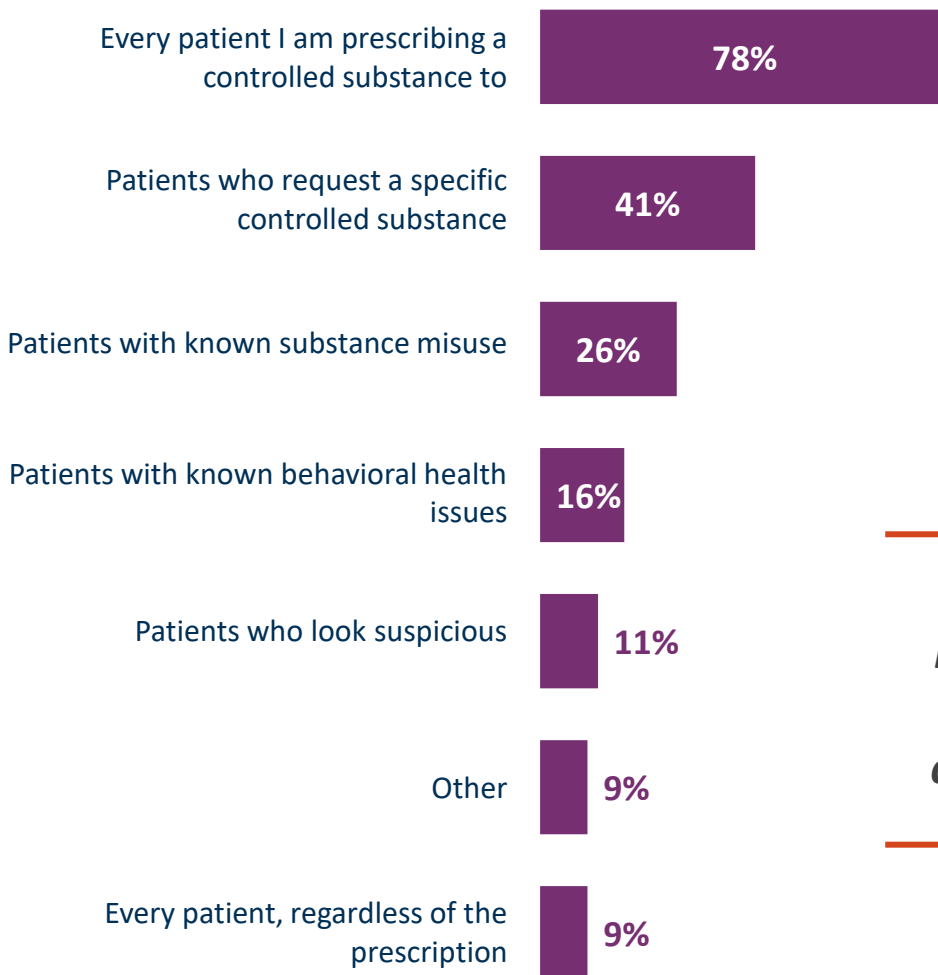
PDMP PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT HIGHLIGHTS

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 Physician's Assistants who prescribe controlled substances. **There were 80 respondents.** Please see main report for details.



74%
of PAs prescribe controlled substances at least monthly.

How do PAs decide when to check PDMP?



78% of PAs check the PDMP for every patient they prescribe a controlled substance to.

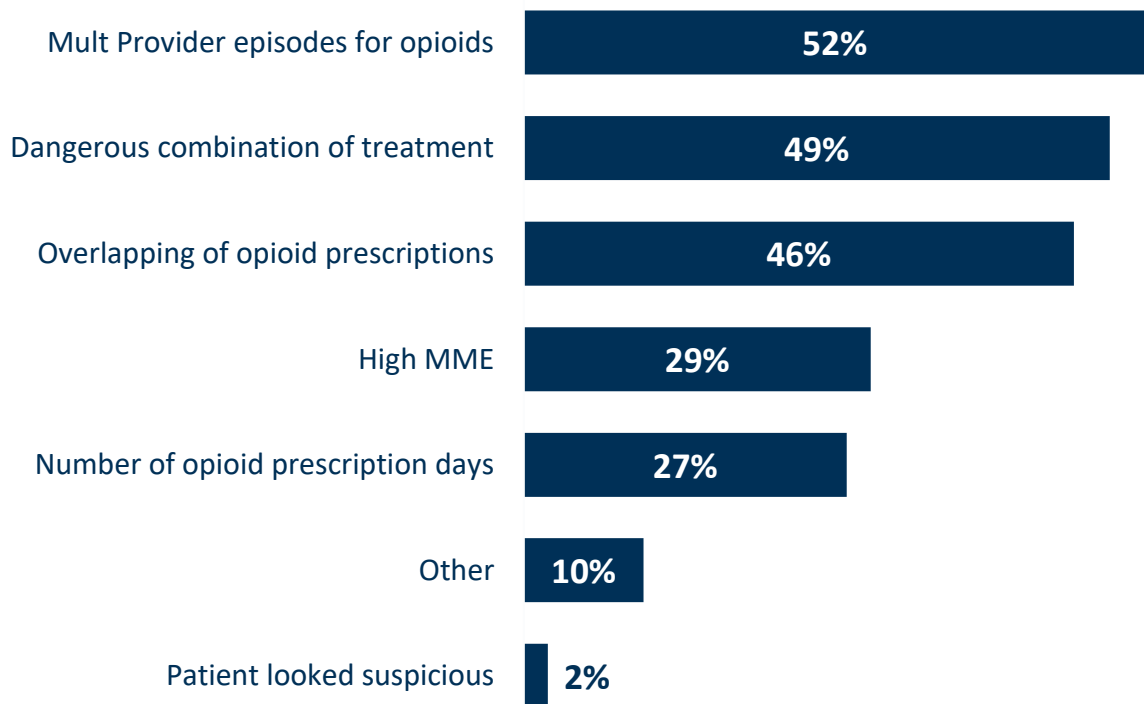
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Denial of prescriptions

79%

of PAs denied a prescription because of information found in PDMP

Reasons for Denial



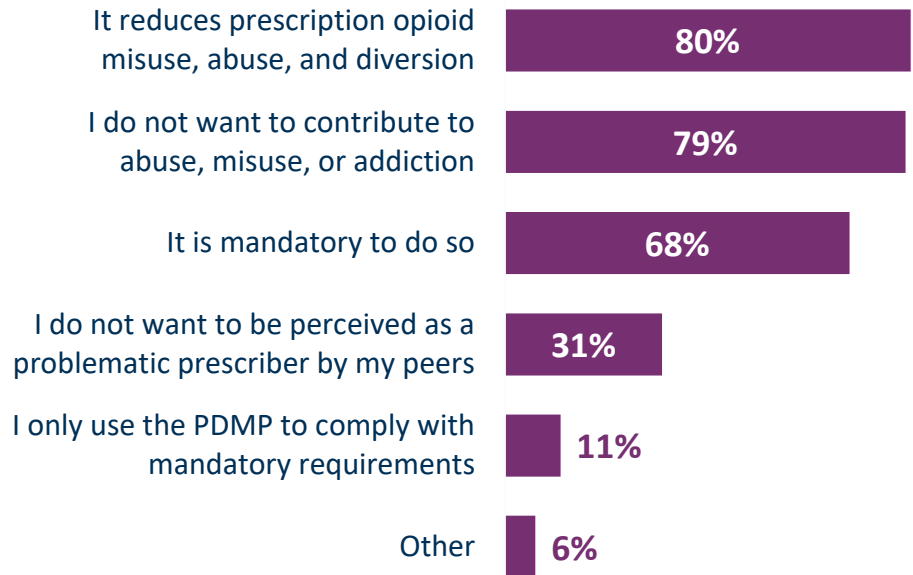
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86% of PAs found patient prescription history extremely or very valuable for informing decision making.

PDMP usage and barriers to usage

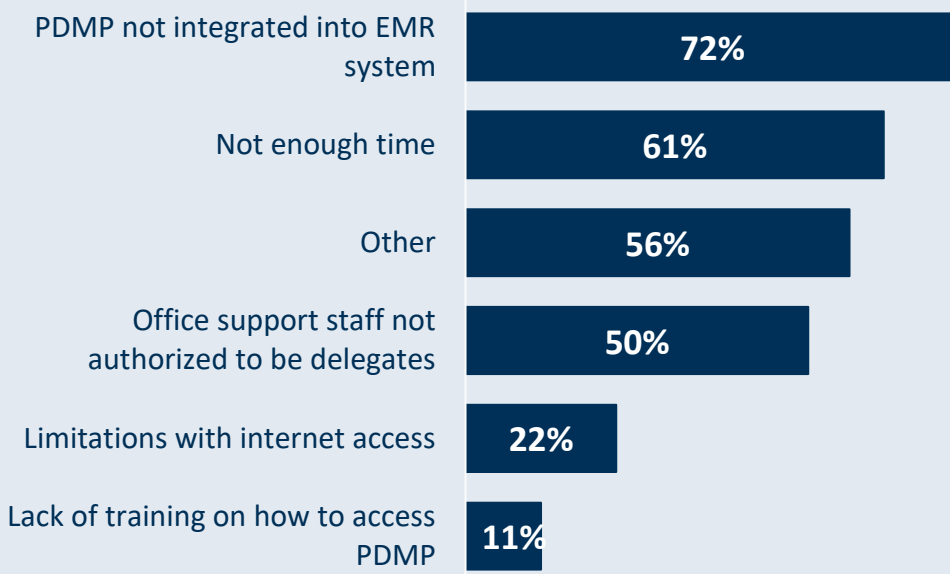
Most PAs reported using the PDMP to combat the opioid epidemic.

Why PAs use PDMP



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

Barriers to using PDMP



23%
of PAs
experienced
barriers to using
the PDMP

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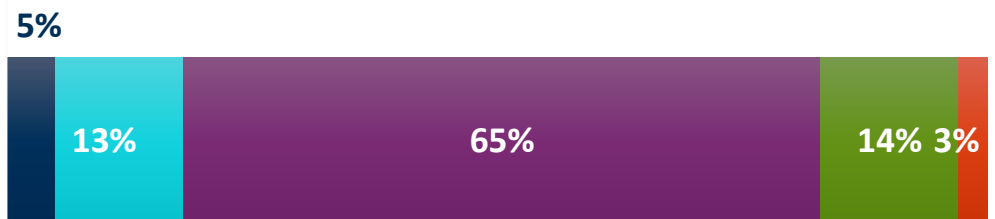
Report card & enhancements



82%

of PAs receive a prescriber report card.

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



I changed prescribing patterns as a result of report card



■ 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.

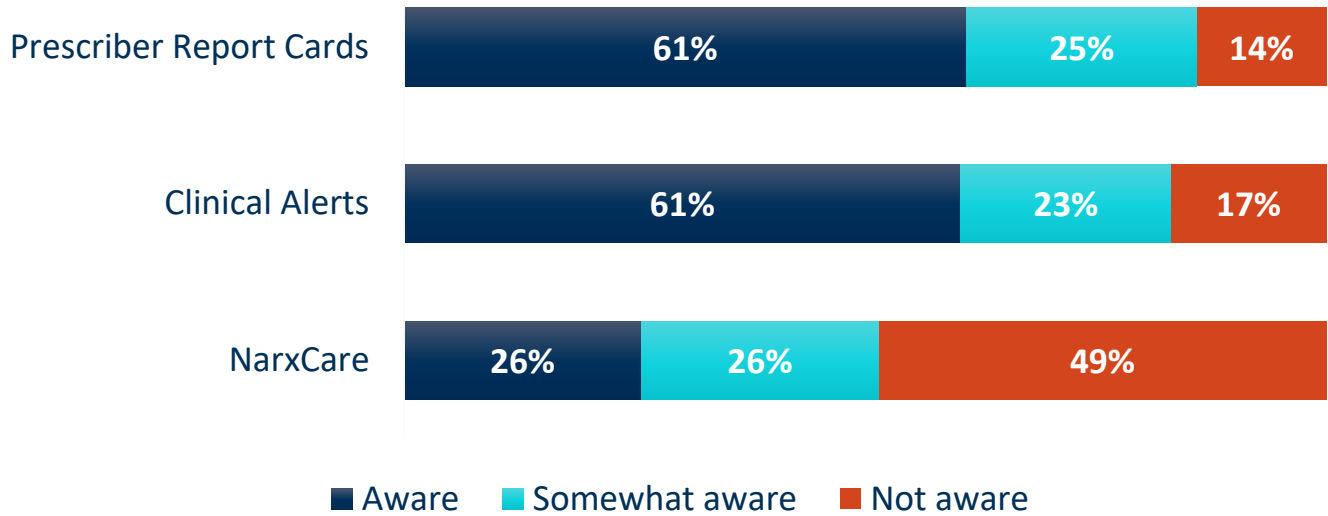
Most PAs are not surprised by how they compared to other prescribers.

Very few changed prescribing patterns based on report card.

42%

of PAs have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP. However, over a third (36%) reported that they did not know they could.

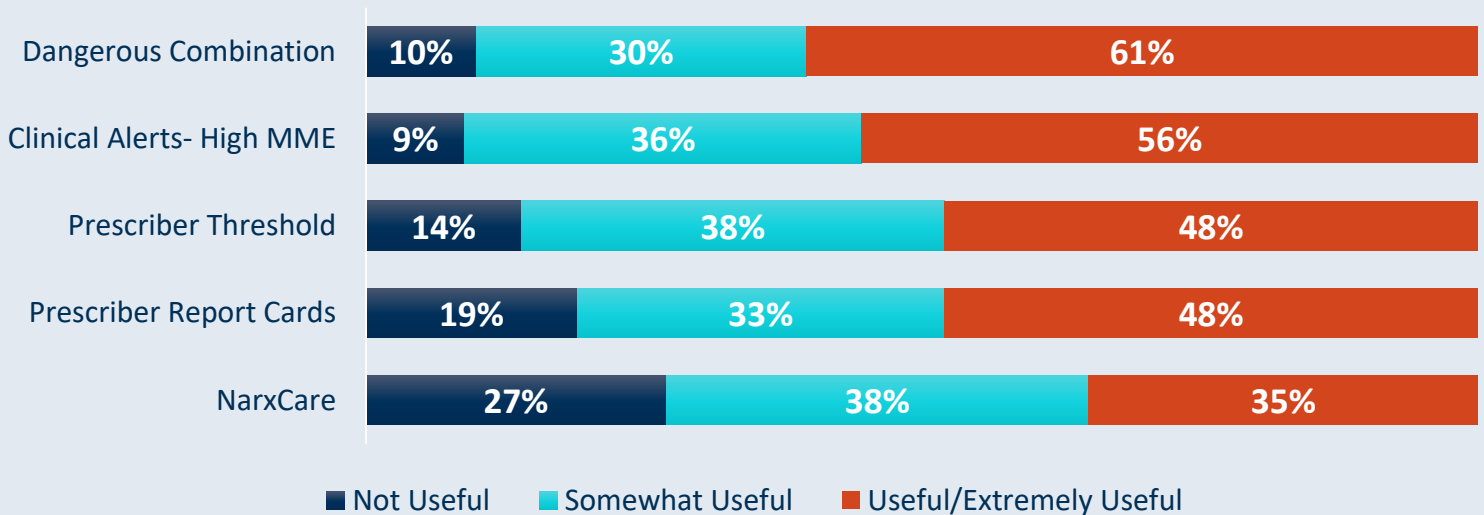
Awareness of PDMP enhancements



PA's were most aware of prescriber report cards and Clinical Alerts 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

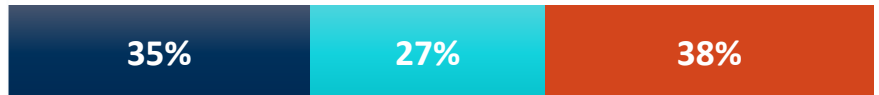
COVID-19 pandemic has affected PDMP use



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, PAs did not feel their PDMP use was affected by COVID-19. However, 35% reported reviewing less patients due to not seeing them as frequently. Only 5% saw an increase in patient queries due to the pandemic.

