

This report contains summary data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Data is provided as a courtesy for the board and is intended to be used for informational purposes only.

News

- We are currently advertising for a Project Assistant to work on a sustainable plan to monitoring reporting compliance.
- The Communications module was enabled on February 8, 2022. Specific user configurations were completed on February 22, 2022.
- We are currently data sharing with 17 states and the Military Health System.
- We conducted a delegate audit during the month of March. Of the 982 providers who had delegates, 719 did not reverify their delegates during the audit.
- The 2021 Awareness and Feedback Questionnaire results are posted on the pdmp website under the resources tab. (Veterinarian and Delegate user role factsheets are attached to this report).

Upcoming Activities

- The 2022 Awareness and Feedback Questionnaire will launch in June. An announcement will be made through AWARe and posted to users' dashboards.
- The division received funding to hire a consultant to conduct a review and assessment of the PDMP. The RFP will be issued soon, and work will begin as soon as possible. The division is looking forward to the opportunity to have a third-party do an analysis and provide feedback.

Registration

Portal (Professional license system)

Number of licensed Veterinarians: 432
Number of PDMP Veterinarian registrations: 327
Number of Veterinarians with DEA registrations: 344
Number of Veterinarians directly dispensing: 49
Number of Veterinarians who received a prescriber report card: 183

AWARxE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 337

Use – Review Compliance

Federally Scheduled II – III controlled substances, over a three-day supply (some specialties omitted)

Q4 2021: 4.4%
Q1 2022: 0.54%

Recommendations

- Encourage increased reviewing of clients, including the use of authorized delegates
- Clarify reviewing and reporting criteria for licensees
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations
- Develop a disciplinary matrix to guide appropriate actions taken against licensees who do not comply with mandatory registration and use

PDMP VETERINARIAN 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 Veterinarians who prescribe controlled substances. **There were 43 respondents.**

Please see main report for details.



74%

*of Veterinarians
prescribe controlled
substances at least
monthly.*

How do Vets decide when to check PDMP?

40%

*of Veterinarians check
every patient being
prescribed a controlled
substance in the PDMP*

*Over half of
Veterinarians check the
PDMP for reasons other
than the ones listed.*

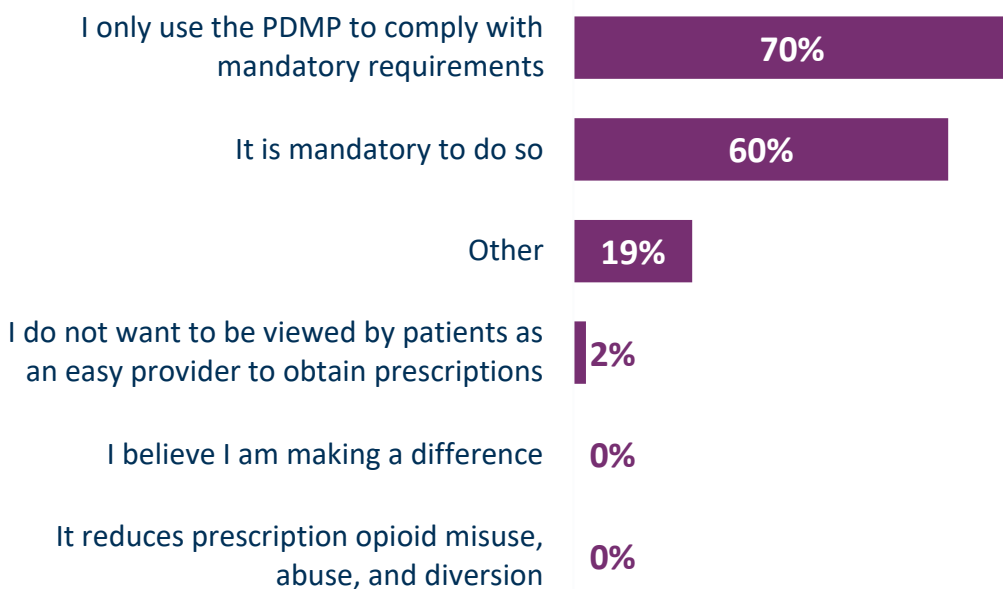
Only 2% of Veterinarians denied a prescription because of information found in PDMP. Among those who did, all denied prescriptions because the patient looked suspicious.

72% of Veterinarians found patient prescription history not at all valuable for informing decision making.

PDMP usage and barriers to usage

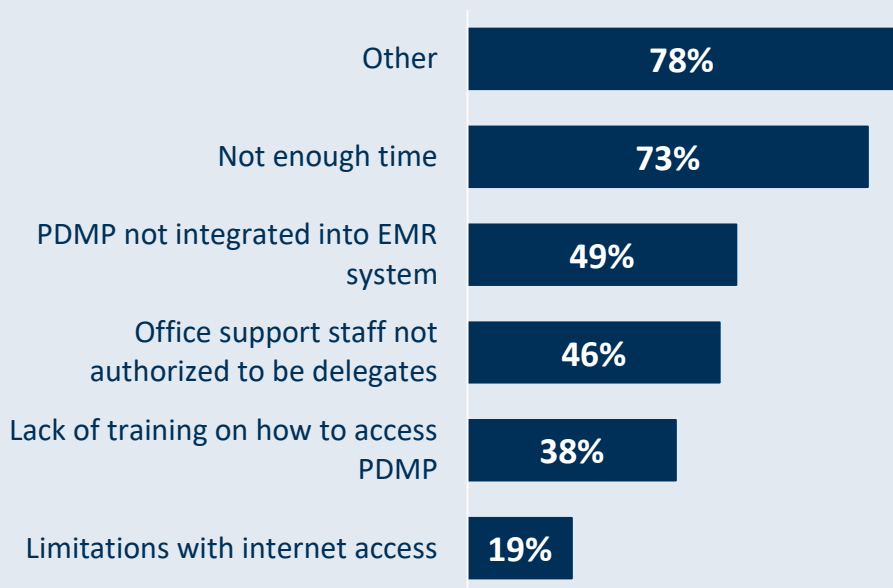
Why Veterinarians use PDMP

Most Veterinarians reported using the PDMP because it is mandatory.



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

Barriers to using PDMP



90%
of Veterinarians experienced barriers to using the PDMP

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

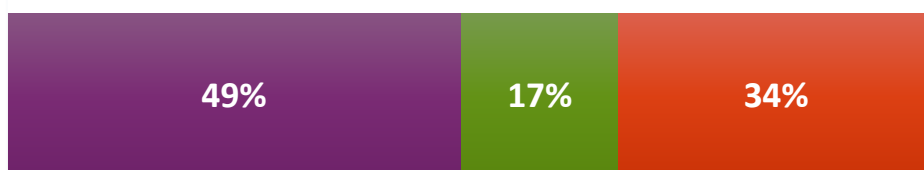
Report card & enhancements



85%

of Veterinarians 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. There were 0 responses for 'Strongly agree.'

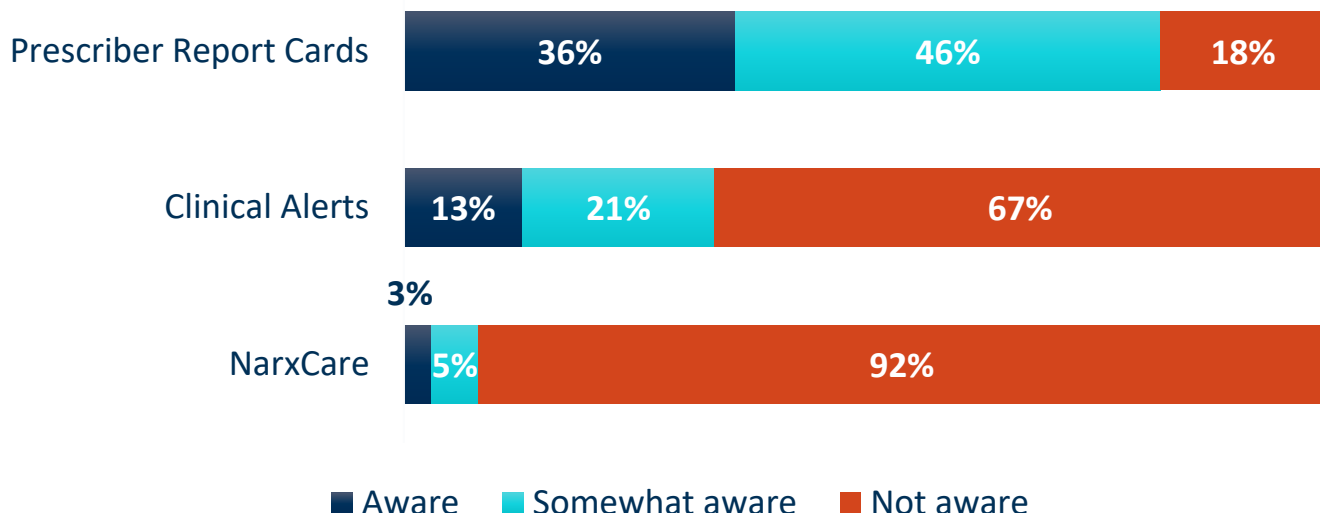
Veterinarians are not surprised by how they compared to other prescribers.

No Veterinarians changed prescribing patterns based on report card.

33%

of Veterinarians have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP. However, 41% reported that they did not know they could.

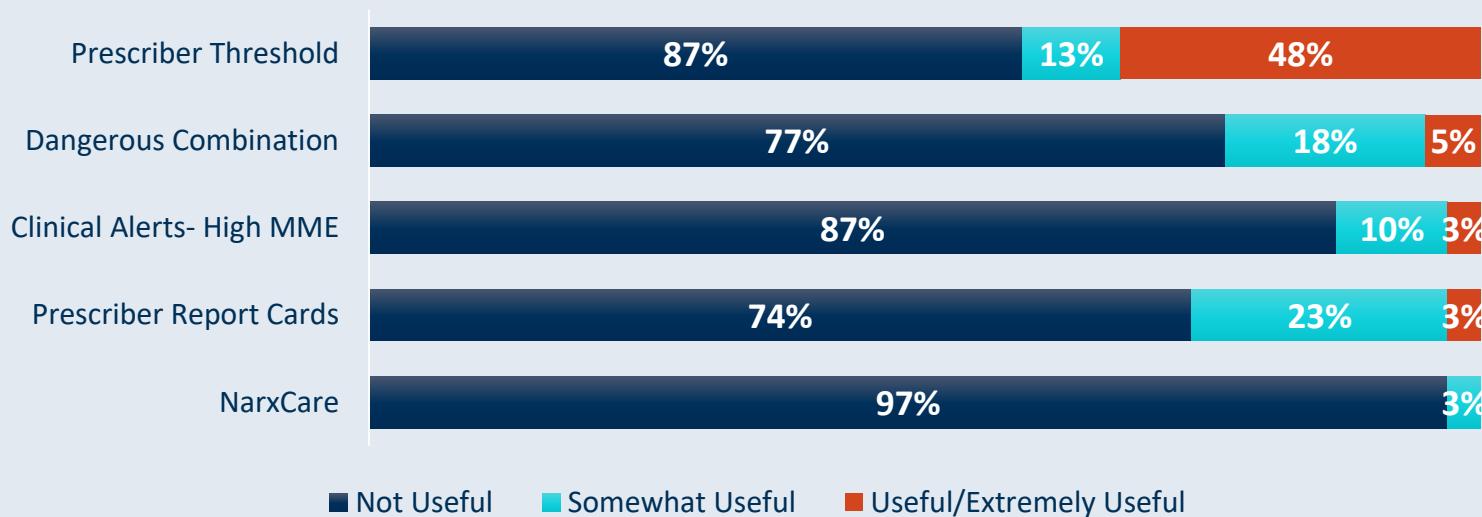
Awareness of PDMP enhancements



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

The most useful PDMP enhancement is Prescriber Threshold, 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, Veterinarians did not feel their PDMP use was affected by COVID-19. However, 16% reported reviewing less patients due to not seeing them as frequently. Only 8% saw an increase in patient queries due to the pandemic.



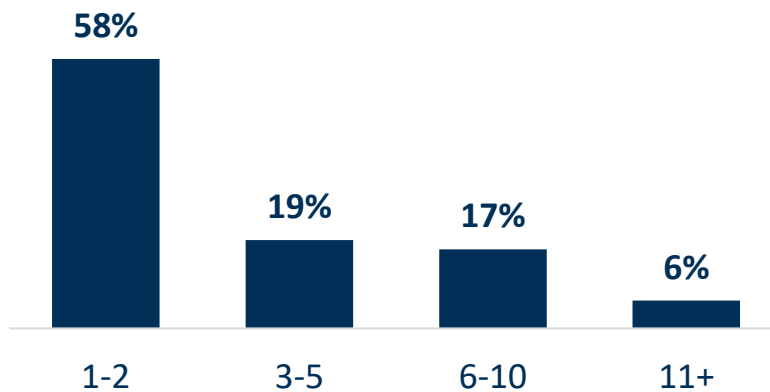
PDMP DELEGATES HIGHLIGHTS

The **2021 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Awareness Feedback survey** was distributed to users in Alaska to gauge their experience with the PDMP. This pamphlet shows the results of this survey for delegates who prescribe controlled substances. **There were 69 respondents.**

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Delegate background

Number of PDMP users delegates are registered with



86%

of delegates work for a prescriber in a hospital or office.

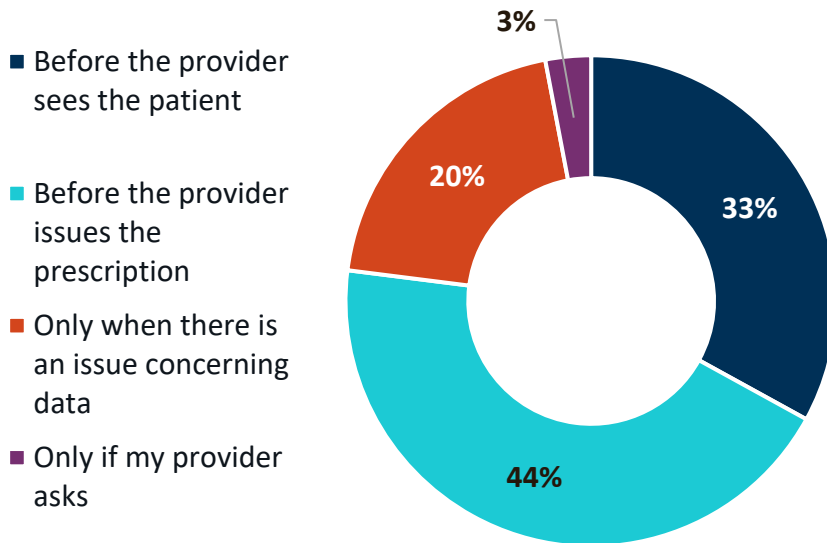
14%

of delegates work for a pharmacist.

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Sharing PDMP Information

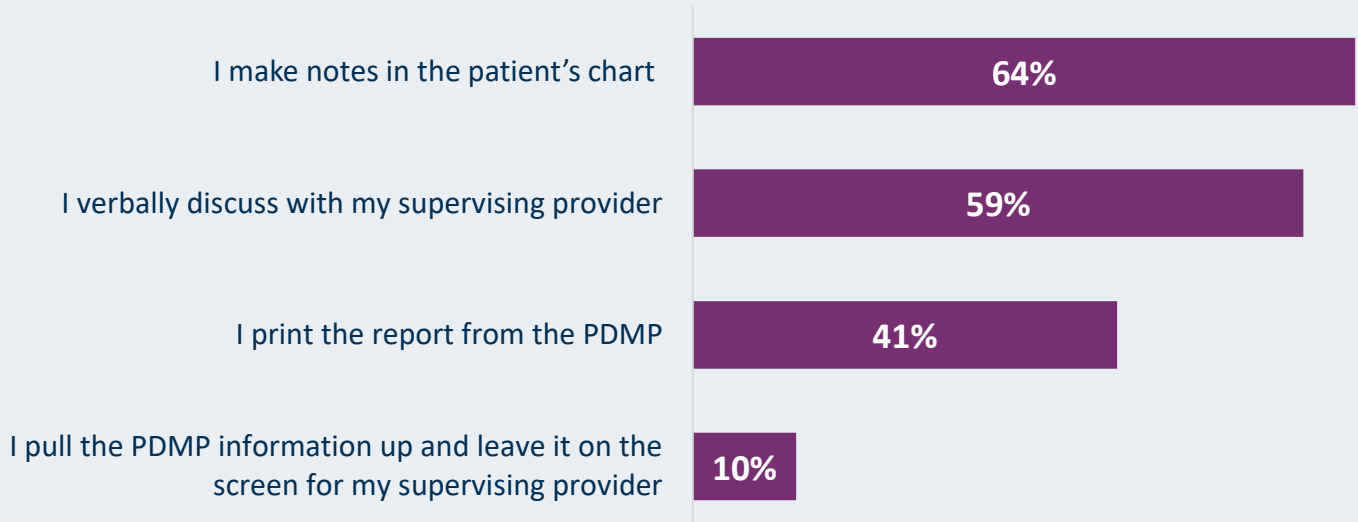
When delegates share PDMP information with their supervising provider



*A **third** of delegates share information before the provider sees the patient.*

Delegates use a combination of methods to share information with the supervising provider.

How delegates share PDMP information with the supervising provider

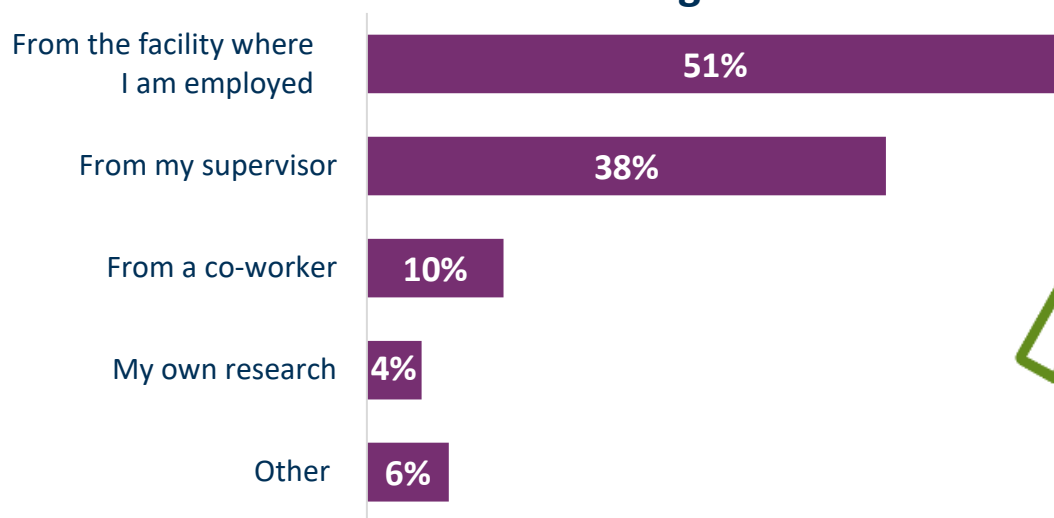


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Delegate integration into clinical practice

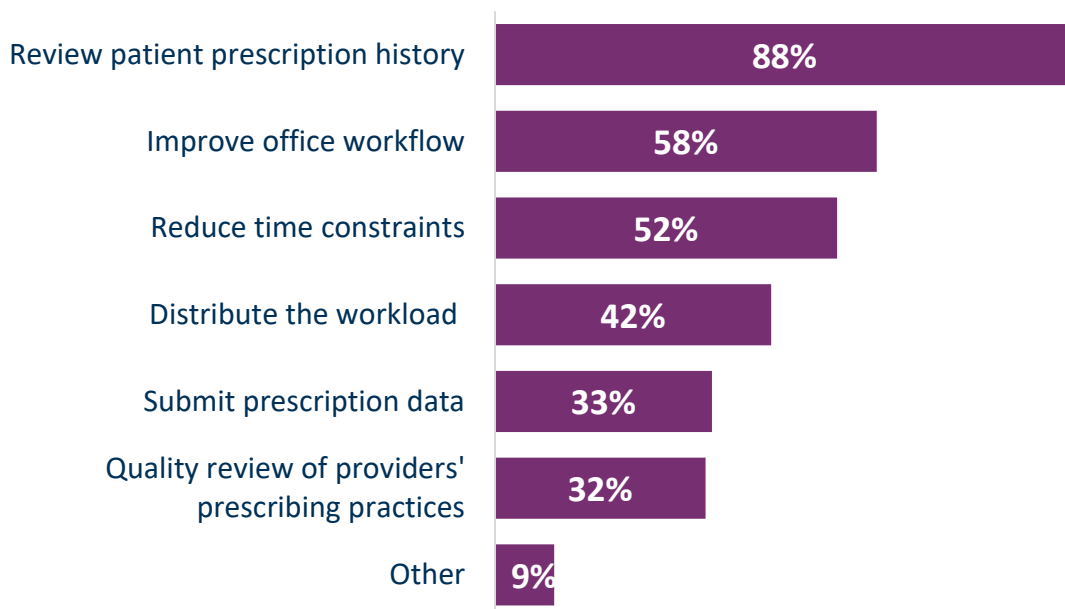
How delegates learn about the opportunity to become a delegate



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Delegates feel their role is most useful for reviewing prescription history, improving office workflow, and saving time

How delegates perceive their role to be useful



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