

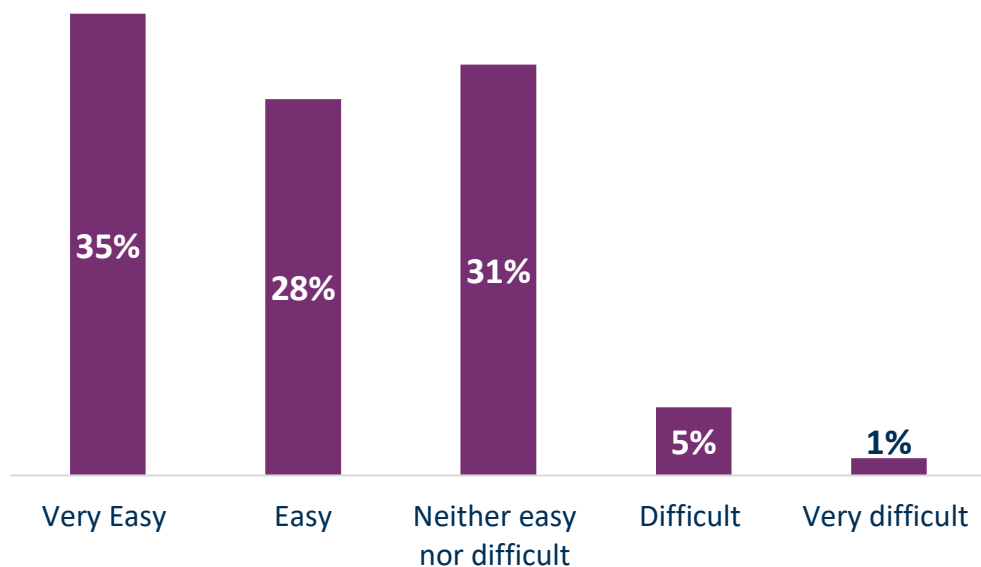
# PDMP PHARMACIST HIGHLIGHTS

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 Pharmacists who prescribe controlled substances. **There were 102 respondents.**

Please see main report for details.

## Reporting to the PDMP

### Ease of daily prescription to PDMP



**90%**  
*say their pharmacies report prescription data to the PDMP automatically, and **10%** report manually.*

***When asked if they ever do not report to the PDMP, 85% responded that they always report.***



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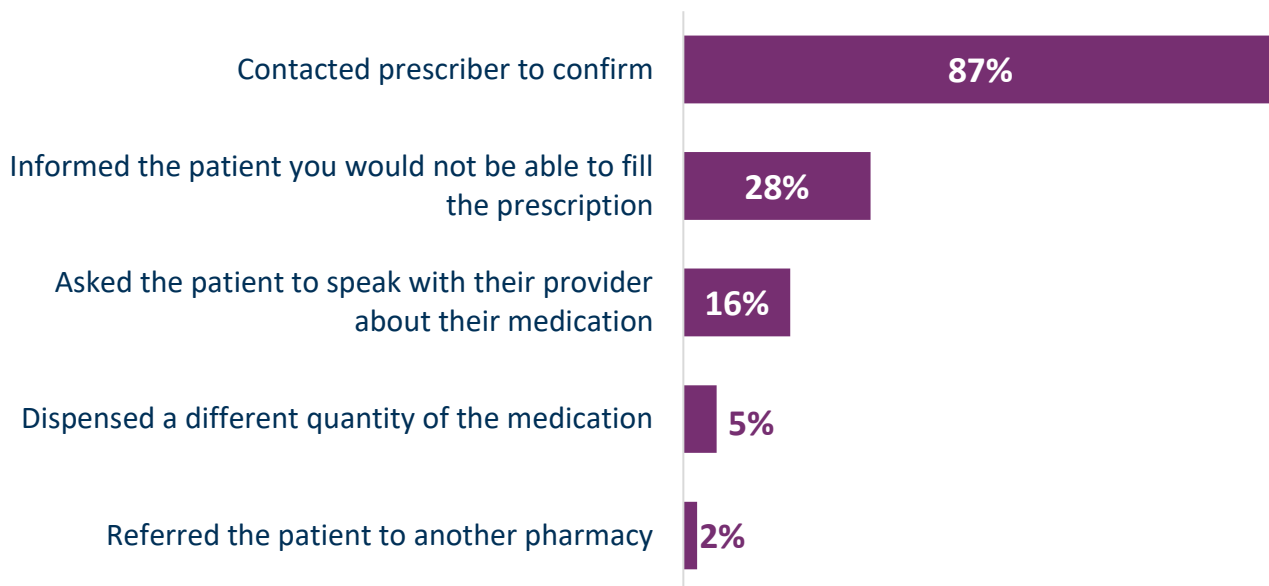
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## Patient queries in the PDMP

**74%**

*Of pharmacists are confident that providers query patients prior to writing their prescriptions*

### Actions taken if doubts about provider querying patient



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**Pharmacists generally check the PDMP to verify patients based on prescription usage.** That is, 59% check for every patient being prescribed a controlled substance; 17% check for patients with known substance misuse, and 16% check patients with a prescription by a specific provider.

Some pharmacists also check for patients with known behavioral health issues (11%), patients who look suspicious (10%), or other reasons (16%). 1% check every patient regardless of the prescription status.

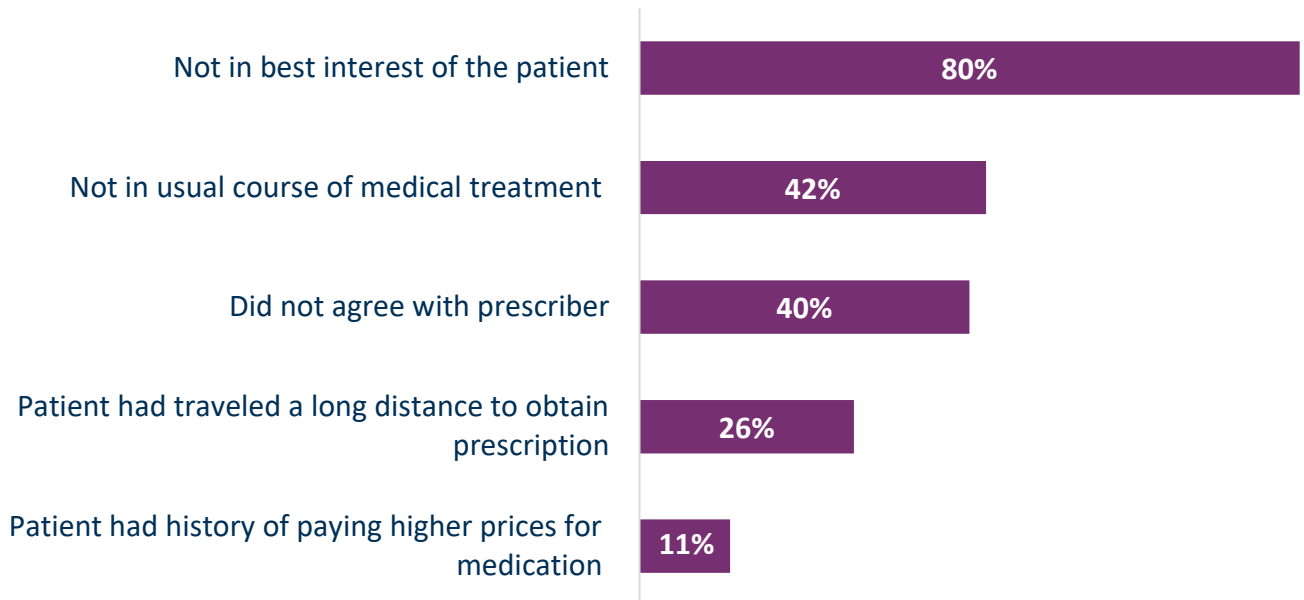
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## Denying prescriptions

# 70%

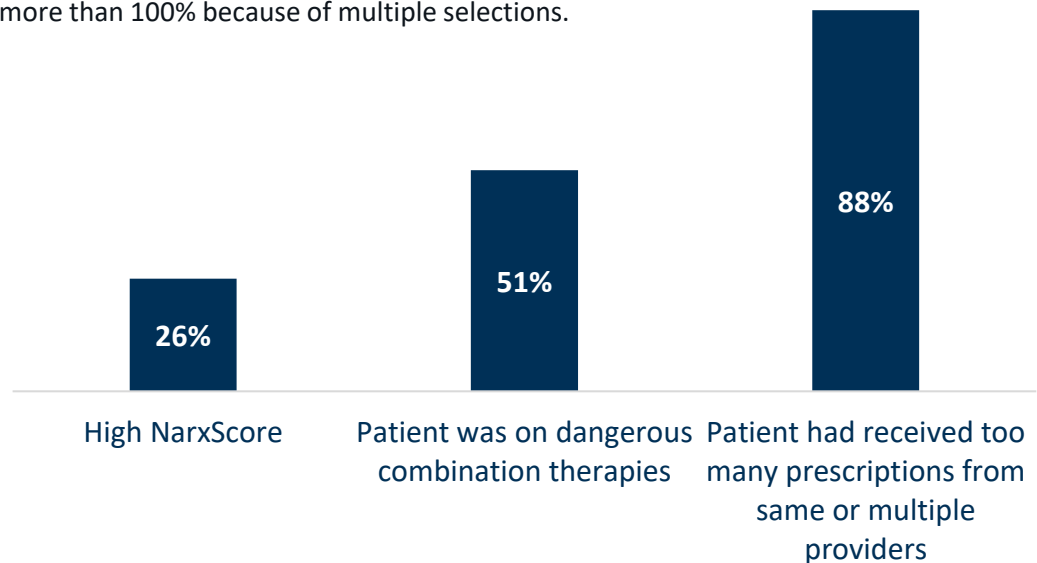
*of pharmacists denied a patient a controlled substance prescription because of information found in the PDMP.*

### Reasons for denial



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*Among those who denied, PDMP patient information considered most helpful was receiving too many prescriptions from the same or multiple providers.*



### As a result of prescription denial:

31% used the resources in the PDMP to guide their conversation with the patient. 49% discussed their concerns with the patient, 37% referred the patient back to their provider, and 6% just said no. 15% took a different step, including contacting the prescriber directly.

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## Why Pharmacists use the PDMP

The most common reasons for pharmacists to use the PDMP were:

### Ethical Obligations

- **72%** did not want to contribute to abuse, misuse, or addiction
- **57%** felt it was a moral or ethical obligation
- **37%** felt they were making a difference

### Professional Standing

- **39%** did not want to be viewed by patients as an easy provider
- **29%** used it for self-preservation
- **23%** did not want to be perceived as a problematic prescriber

### Mandatory Requirements

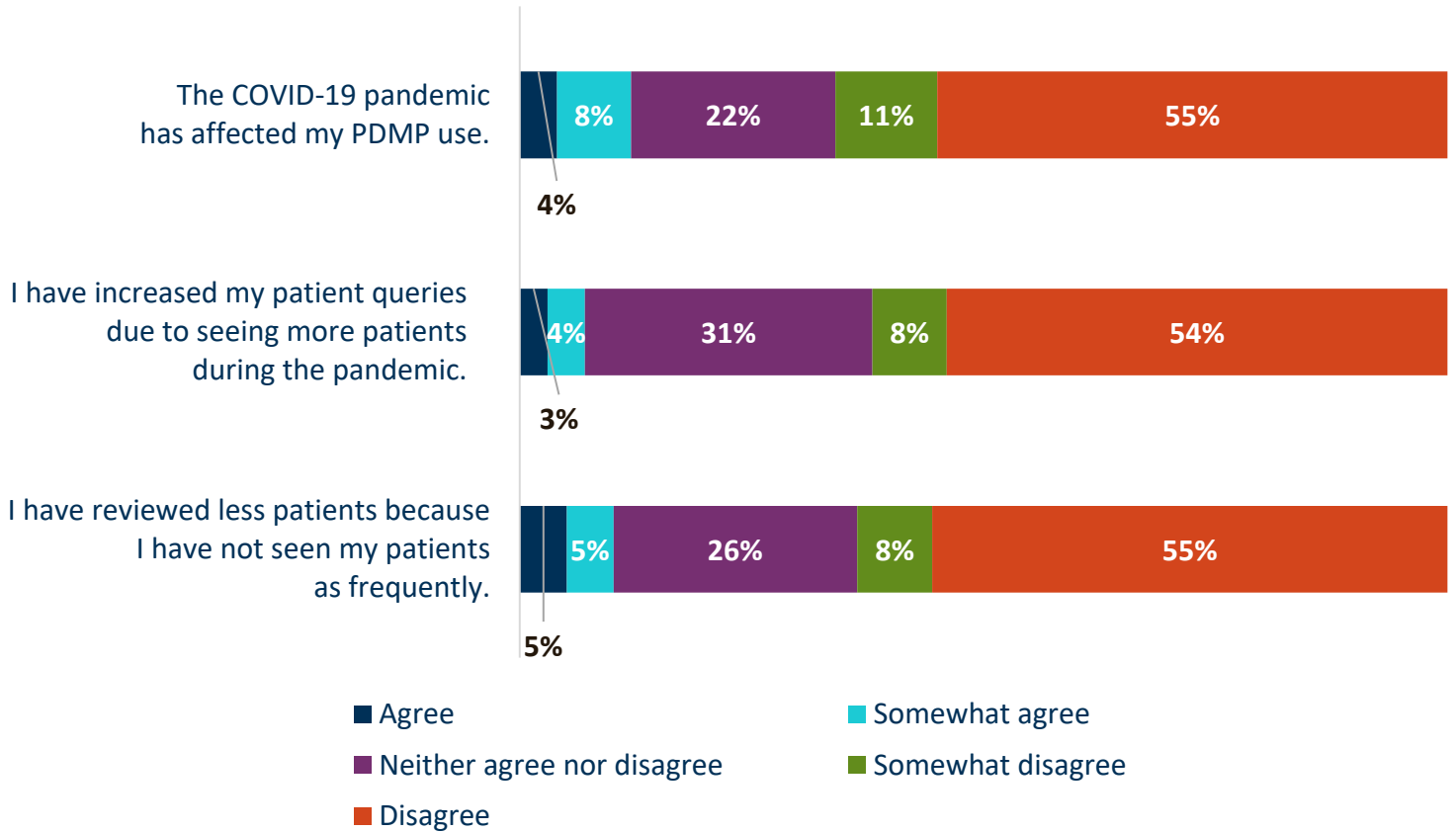
- **44%** said it was mandatory
- **4%** said they were complying with requirements

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## Impacts of COVID-19



*Pharmacists have largely **not changed** their PDMP habits due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

