

PDMP PHYSICIAN 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 optometrists, MDs, and podiatrists combined who prescribe controlled substances. **There were 247 respondents.**

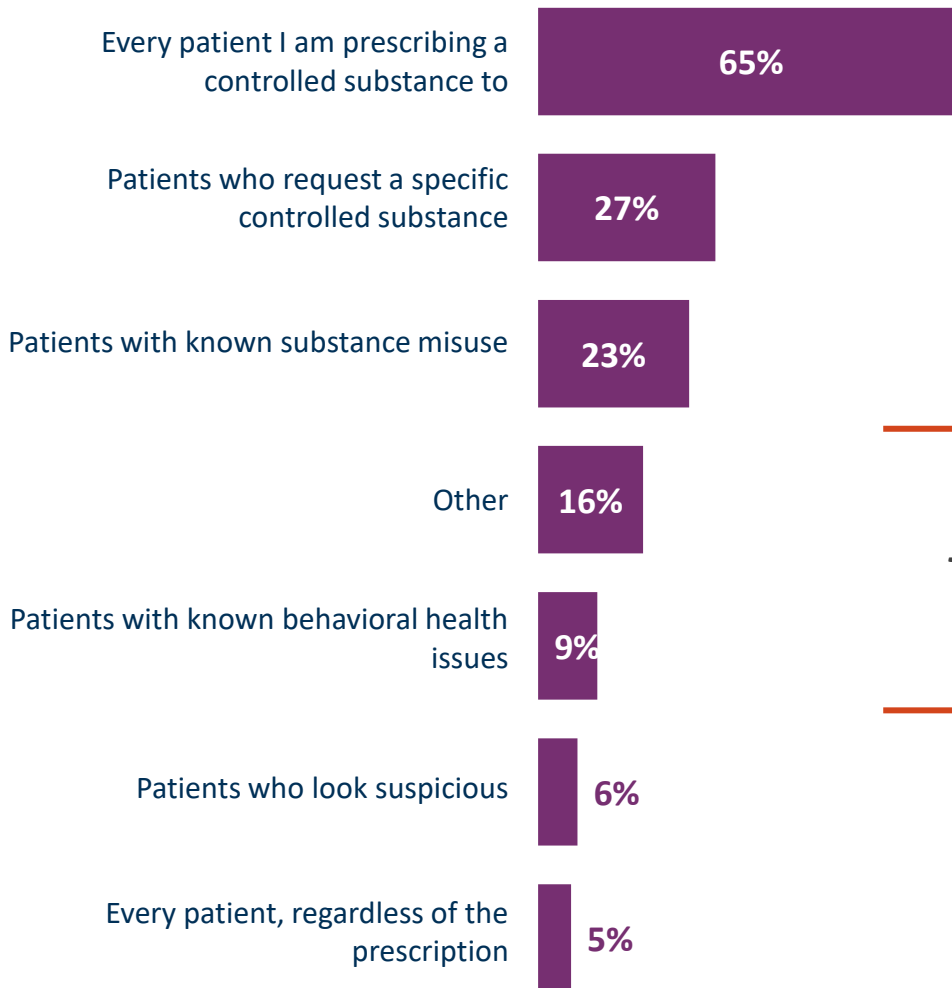
Please see main report for details.



79%

prescribe controlled substances at least monthly.

How do Physicians decide when to check PDMP?



65% check the PDMP for every patient they prescribe a controlled substance to.

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

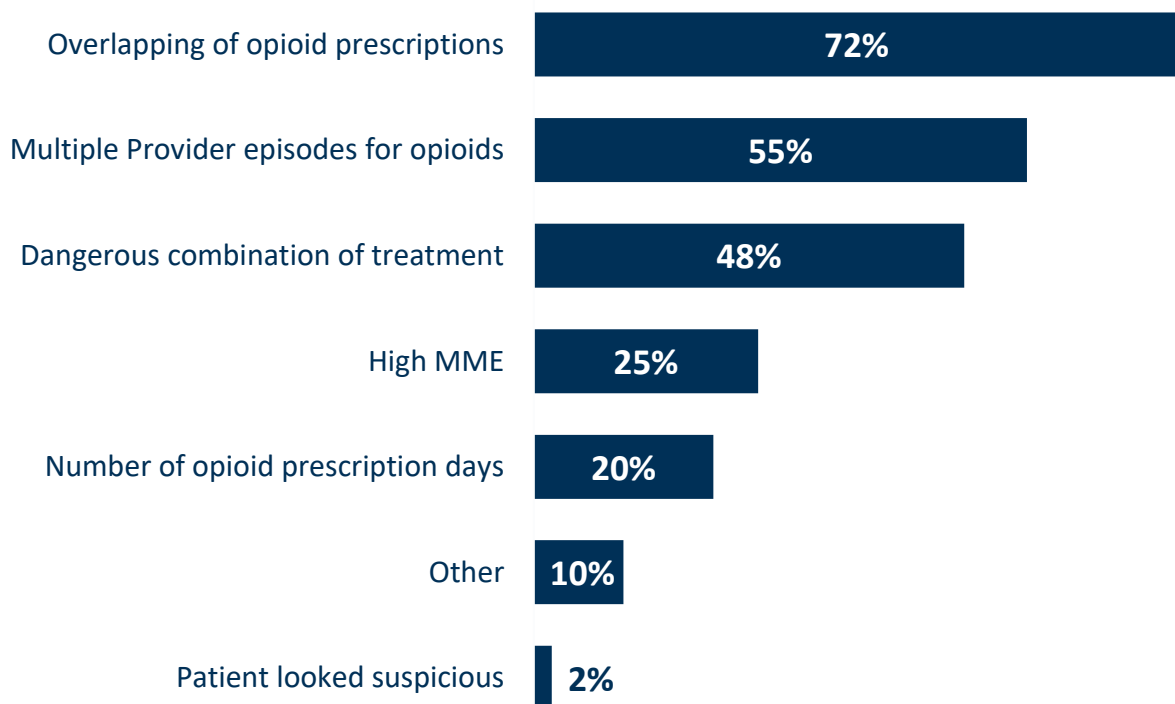
* Includes Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), optometrists, and podiatrists.

Denial of prescriptions

58%

denied a prescription because of information found in PDMP

Reasons for Denial



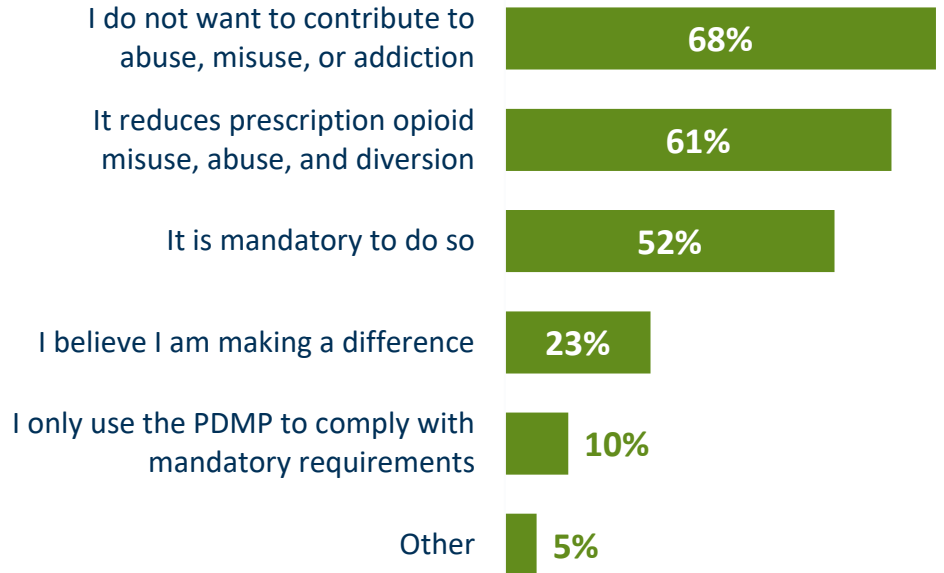
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62% of physicians found patient prescription history extremely or very valuable for informing decision making.

PDMP usage and barriers to usage

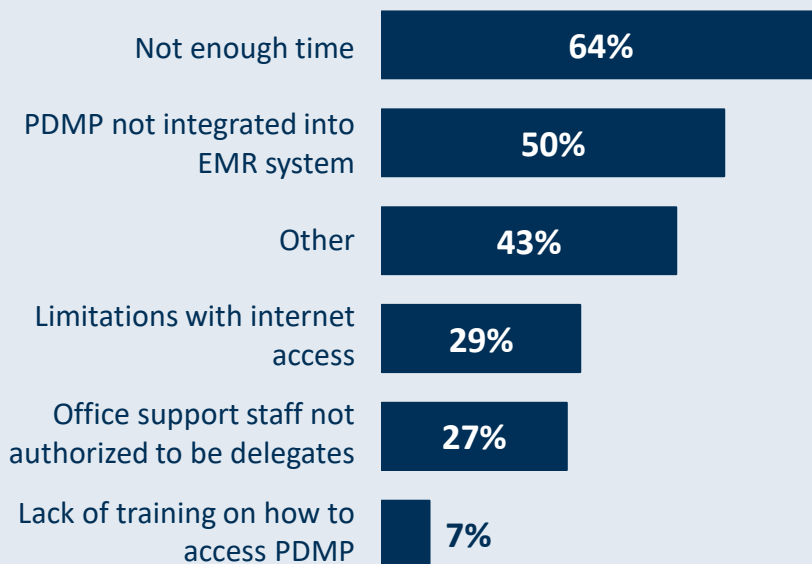
Most respondents reported using the PDMP to combat the opioid epidemic.

Why Physicians Use PDMP



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

Barriers to using PDMP



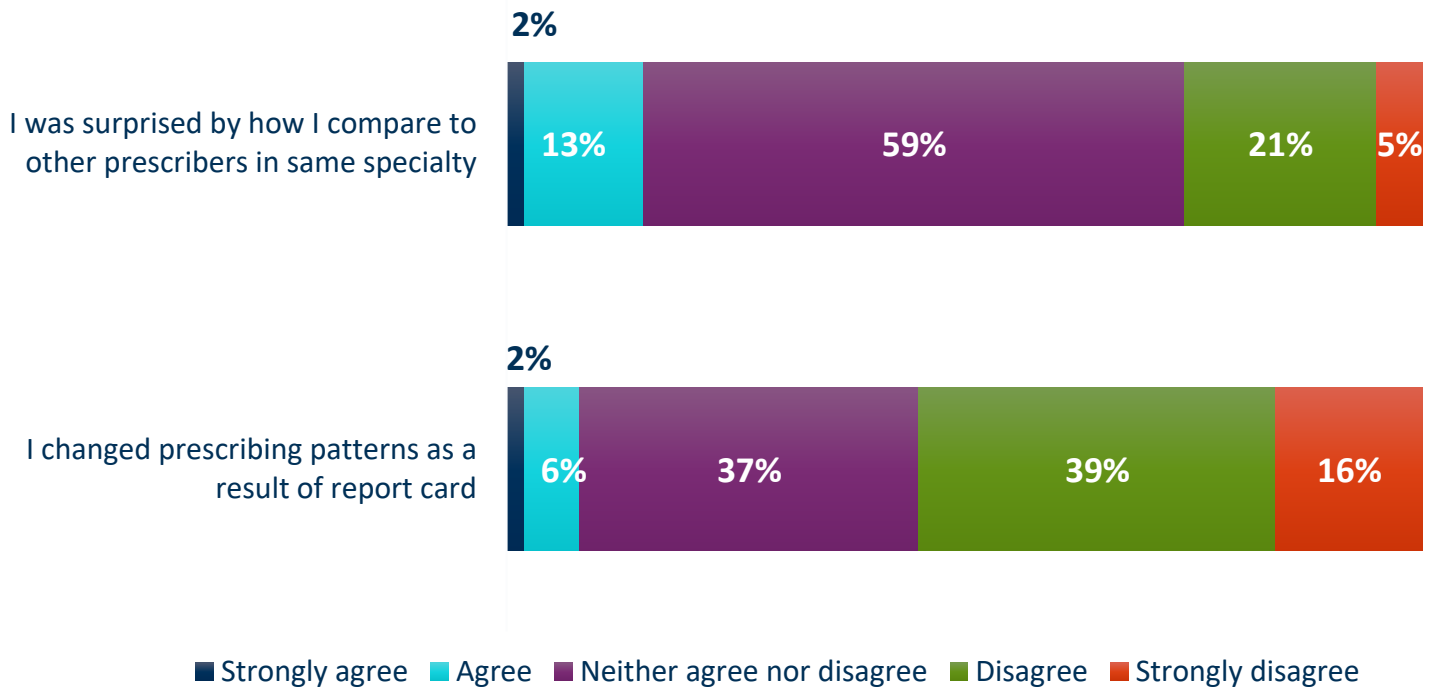
30%
experienced barriers to using the PDMP

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Report card & enhancements



78% of physicians receive a prescriber report card.



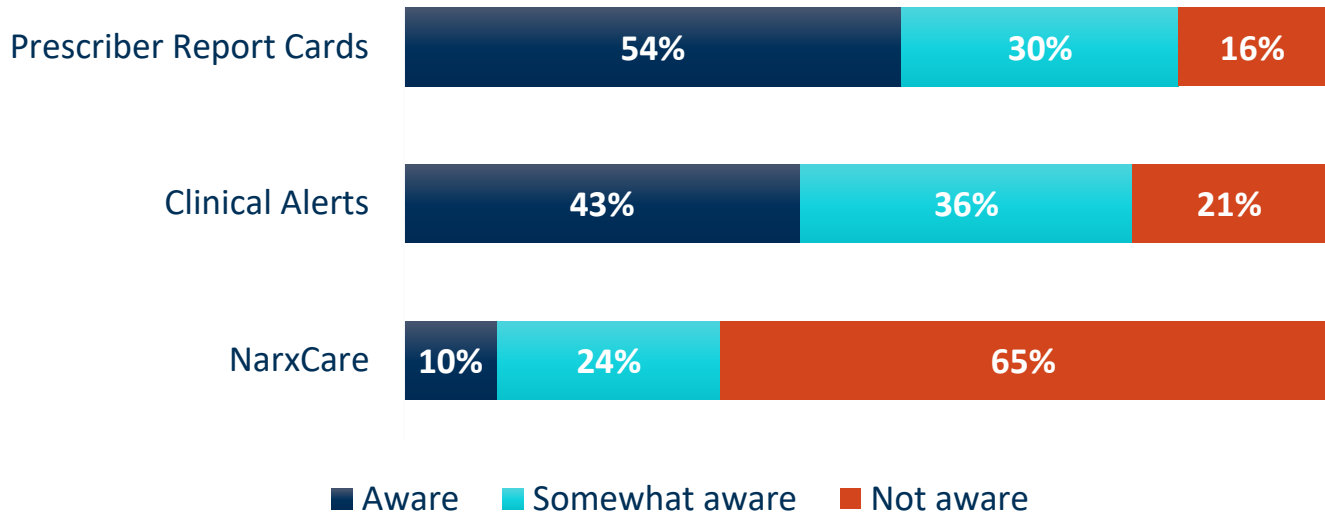
*Note: percents are calculated out of respondents who indicated that they do receive a report card.

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

Only a few changed prescribing patterns based on report card.

37% of physicians have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP. However, nearly half (45%) reported that they did not know they could.

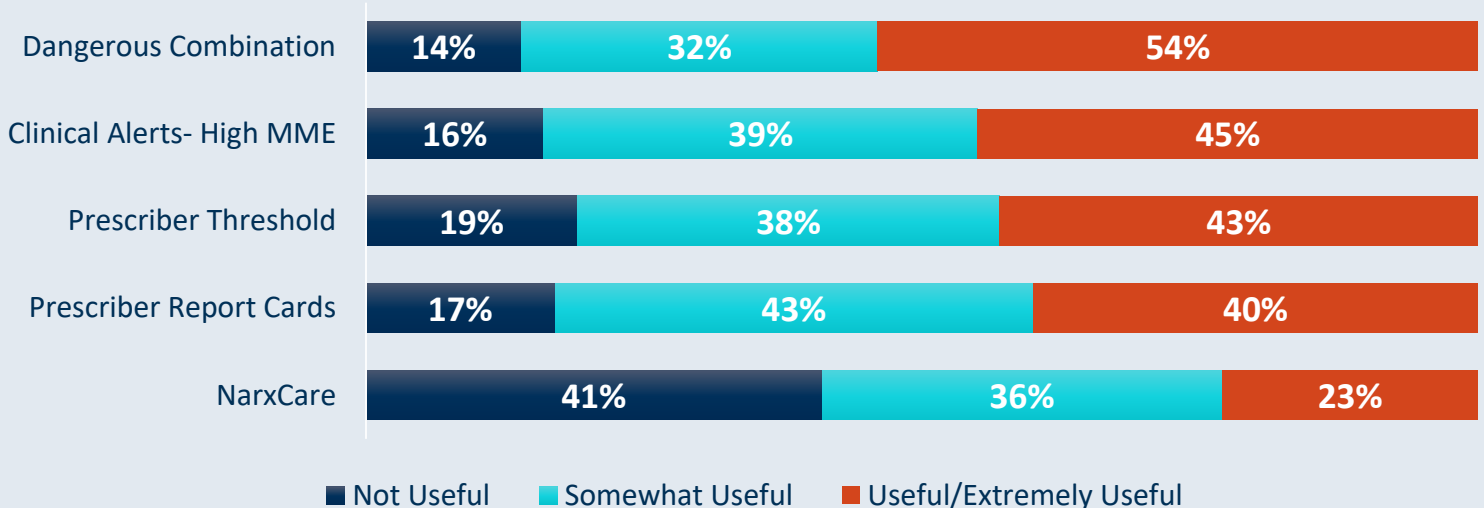
Awareness of PDMP enhancements



Physicians 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, physicians did not feel their PDMP use was affected by COVID-19. However, 24% reported reviewing less patients due to not seeing them as frequently. Only 2% saw an increase in patient queries due to the pandemic.

