

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. (Dentist 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 AWARxE 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 Dentists: 793
Number of Dentists with DEA registrations: 552
Number of PDMP Dental registrations: 544
Directly dispensing controlled substances: 9
Number of Dentists who received a Prescriber Report Card: 353

AWARxE (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 617

Use – Review Compliance

Federally scheduled II – III, over a three-day supply, some specialties omitted)
Q4 2021: 4.16% (failed to omit all surgical specialties in Q4 2021 report)
Q1 2022: 3.33%

Delinquent Reporters

Providers who directly dispense are required to report daily. We are working with Bamboo to develop a process for identifying delinquent reporters.

Recommendations


- Encourage increased reviewing. Mandatory review applies to non-refillable federally scheduled II – III controlled substances over a three-day supply (for further exemptions see AS 17.30.200(k)).
- Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations
- Develop a plan for communication with licensees about mandatory reporting

PDMP DENTIST HIGHLIGHTS

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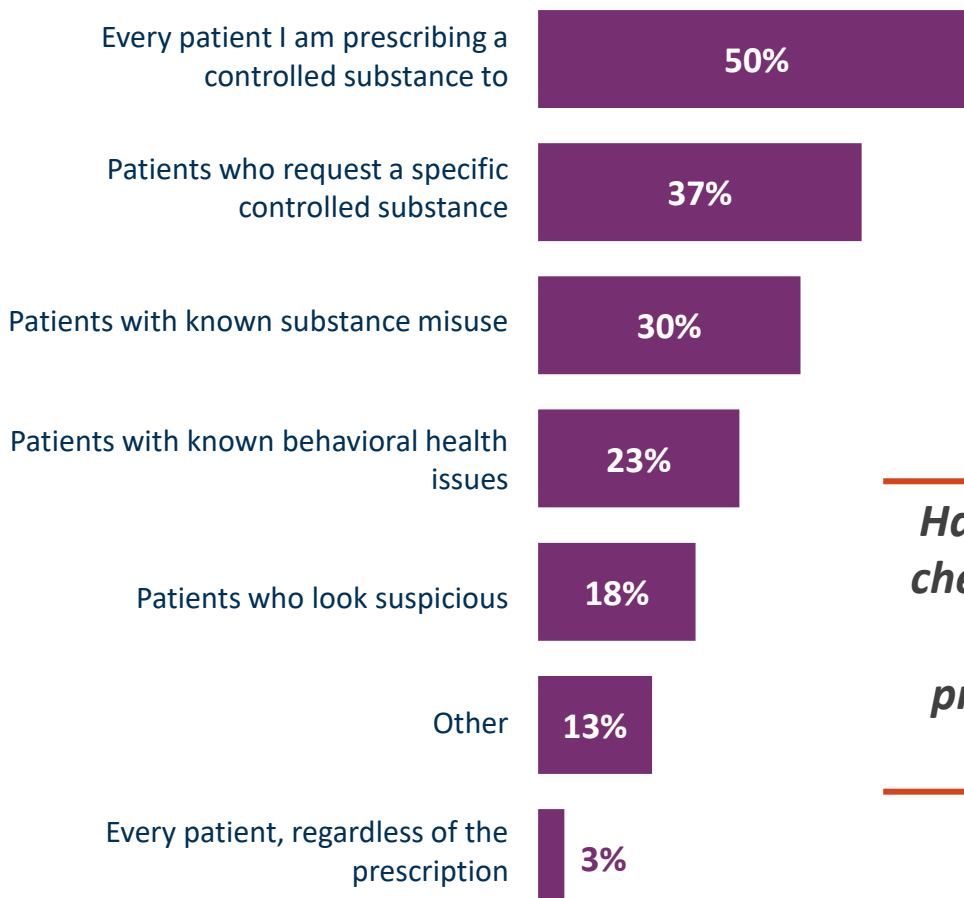
The **2021 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Awareness Feedback survey** was distributed to prescribers in Alaska to gauge their experience with the PDMP. This pamphlet shows the results of this survey for dentists who prescribe controlled substances. **There were 58 respondents.**

Please see main report for details.



59%
of dentists prescribe controlled substances at least monthly.

How do dentists decide when to check PDMP?



Half of dentists said they check the PDMP for every patient they are prescribing a controlled substance to.

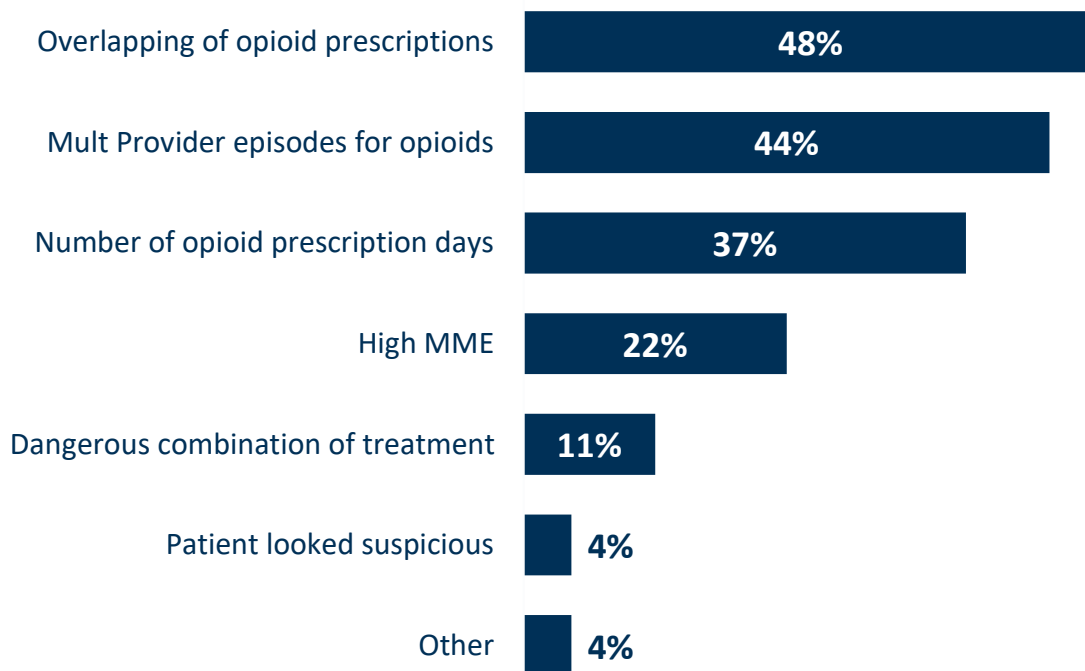
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Denial of prescriptions

47%

denied a prescription because of information found in PDMP

Reasons for Denial



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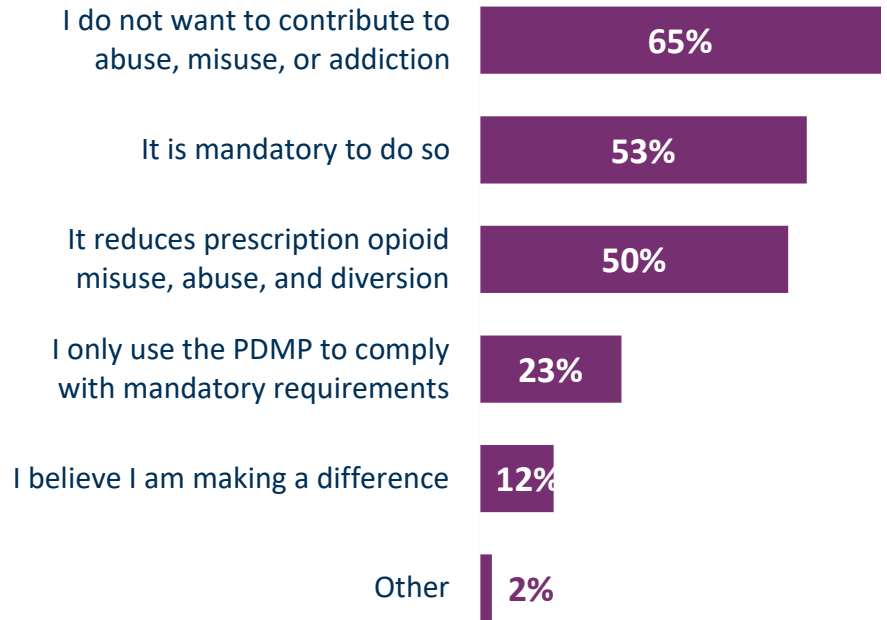


6 out of 10 dentists found patient prescription history extremely or very valuable for informing decision making.

PDMP usage and barriers to usage

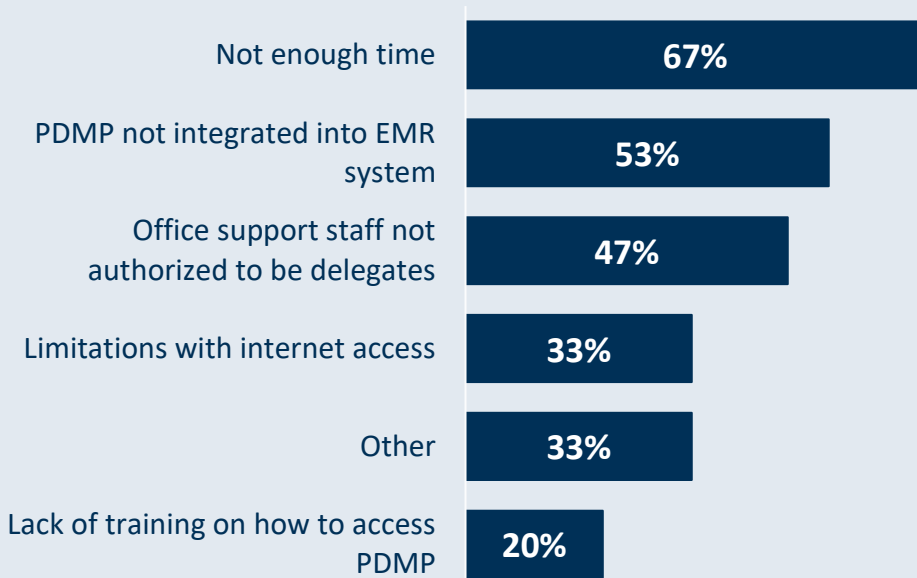
Most dentists reported using the PDMP to combat the opioid epidemic.

Why dentists use PDMP



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

Barriers to using PDMP



26%
experienced barriers to using the PDMP

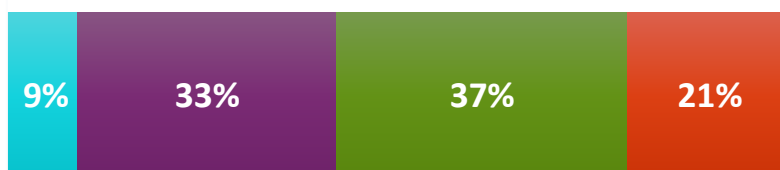
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Report card & enhancements

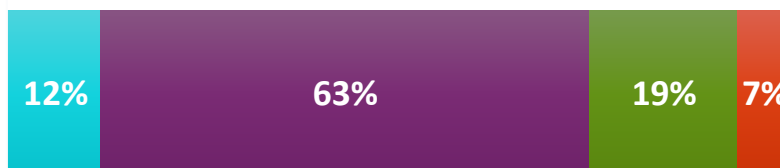


77% of dentists receive a prescriber report card.

I changed prescribing patterns as a result of report card



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



■ 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.

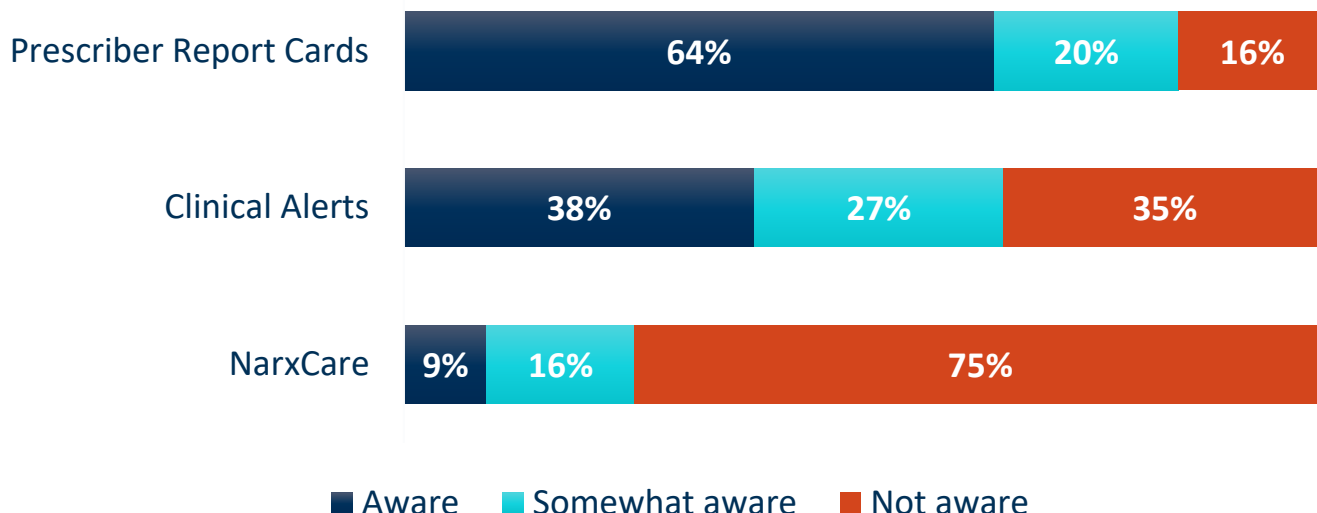
Most dentists are not surprised by how they compared to other prescribers.

Only a few changed prescribing patterns based on report card.

44%

of dentists have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP. However, a large proportion (38%) also reported that they did not know they could.

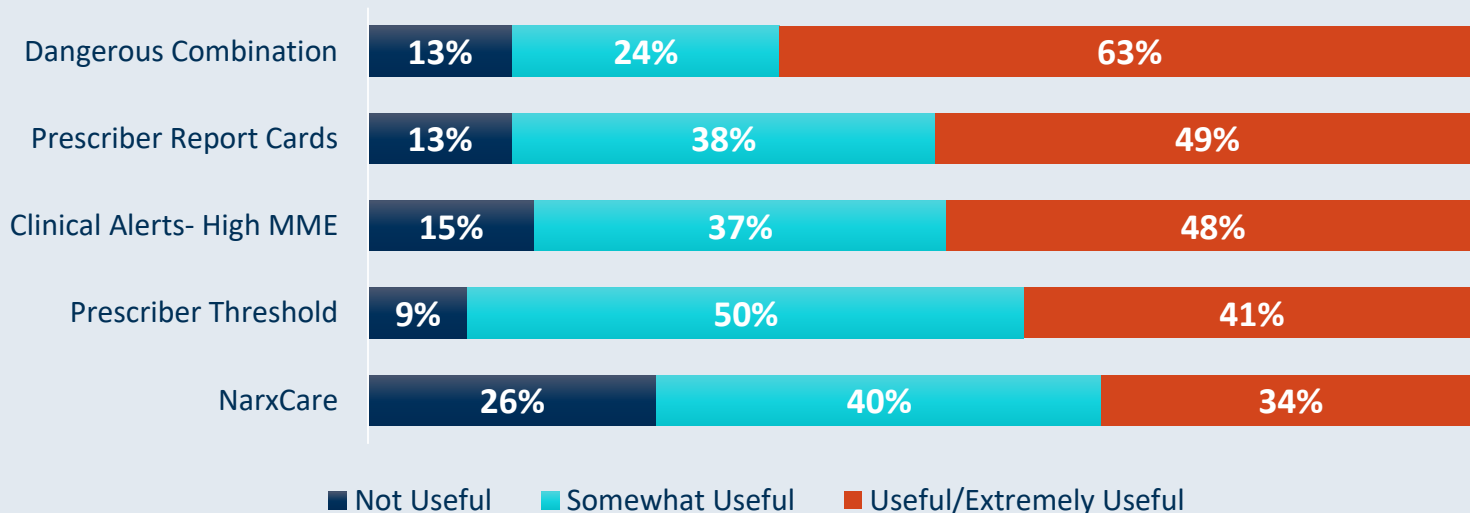
Awareness of PDMP enhancements



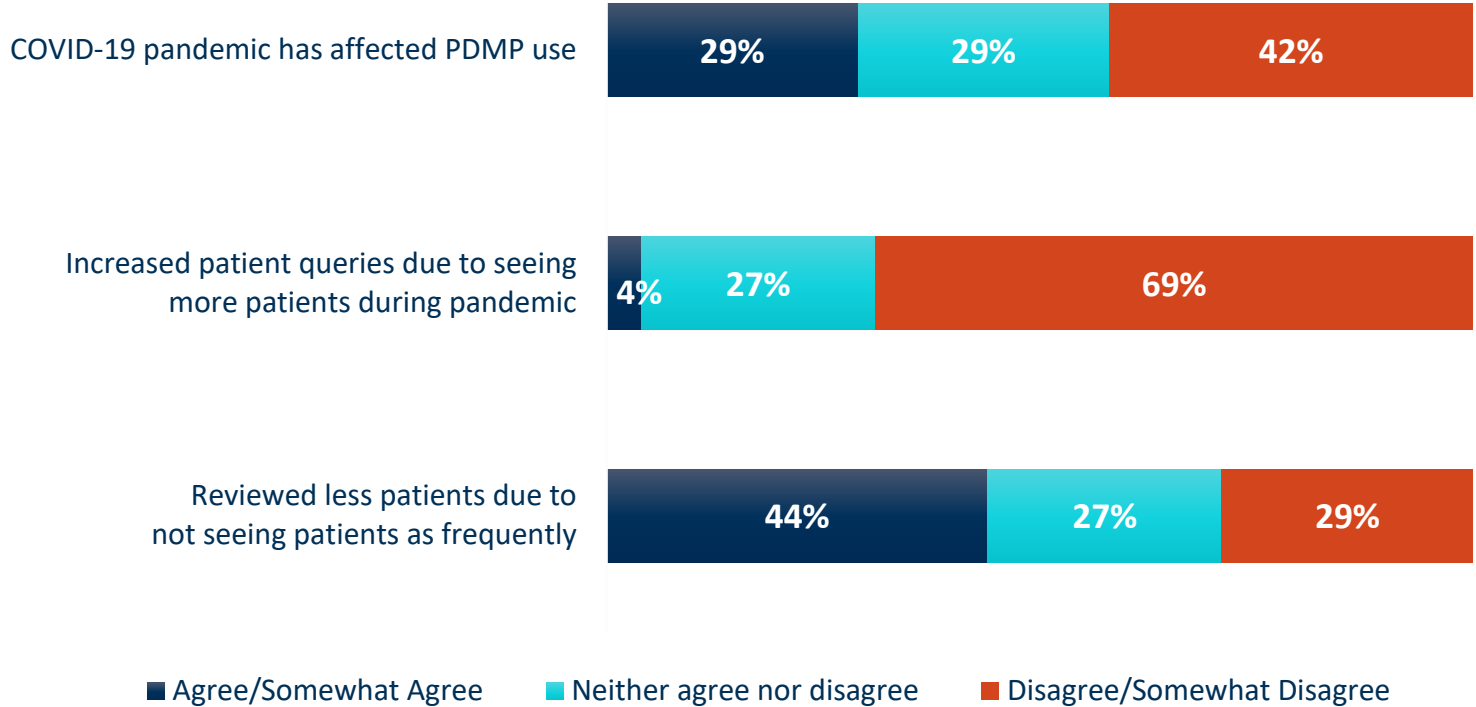
Dentists were most aware of prescriber report cards and least aware of NarxCare enhancements.

The most useful PDMP enhancements are danger combination alerts, while NarxCare is considered the least useful.

Usefulness of PDMP enhancements



Impacts of COVID-19



Generally, dentists did not feel their PDMP use was affected by COVID-19. However, 44% at least somewhat agreed that they reviewed less patients due to not seeing them as frequently. Only 4% saw an increase in patient queries due to the pandemic.



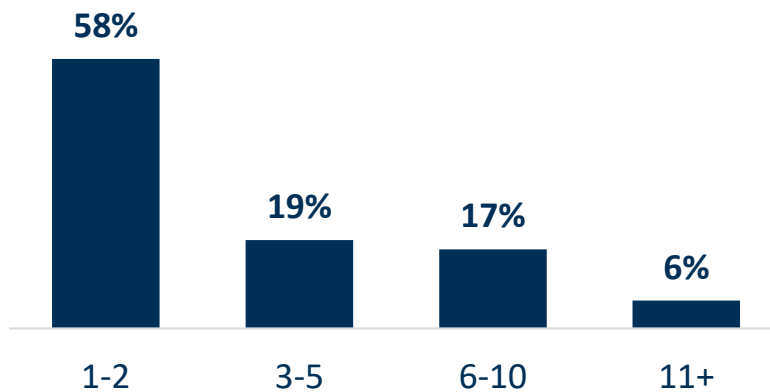
PDMP DELEGATES HIGHLIGHTS

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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.

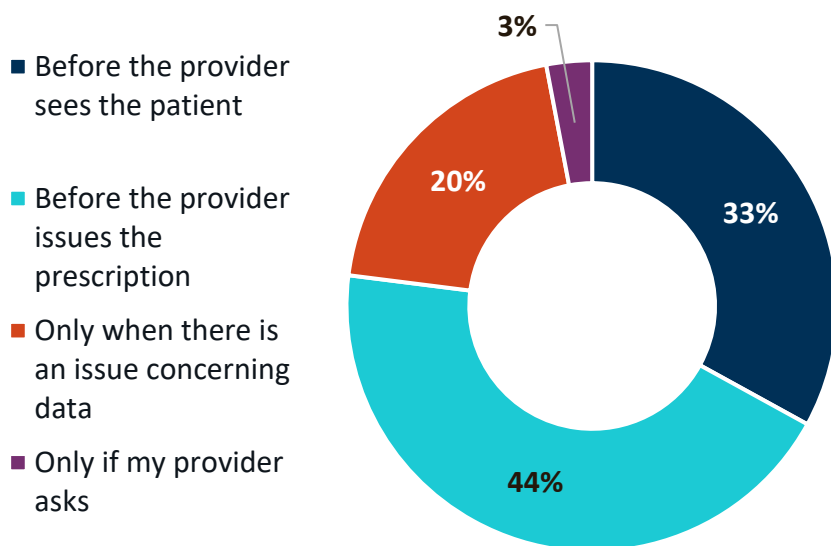
14%

of delegates work for a pharmacist.

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Sharing PDMP Information

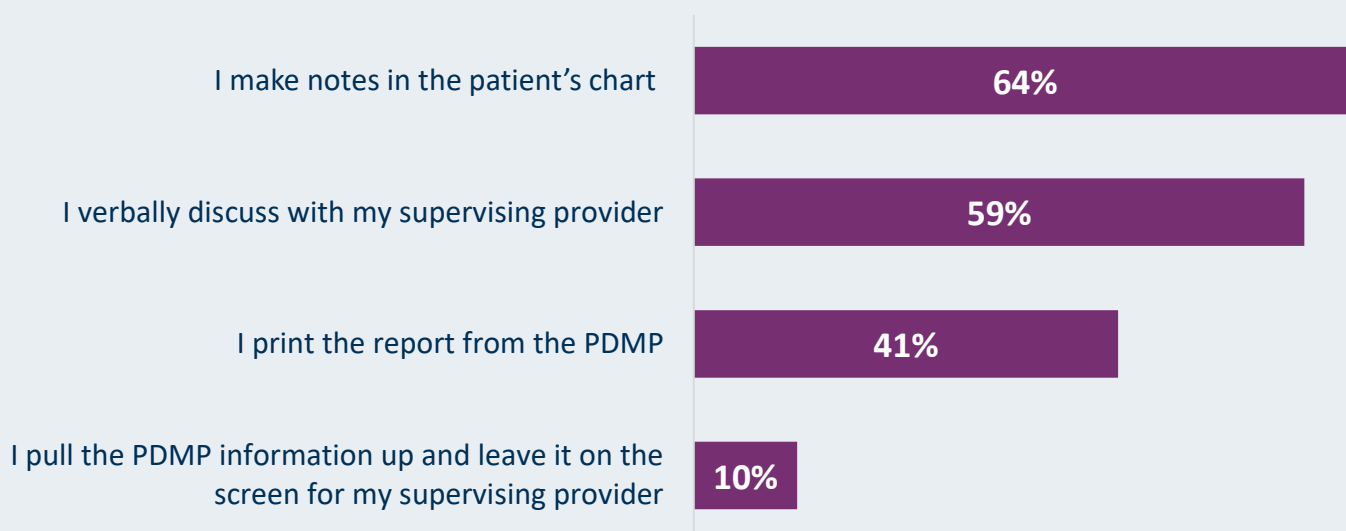
When delegates share PDMP information with their supervising provider



*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

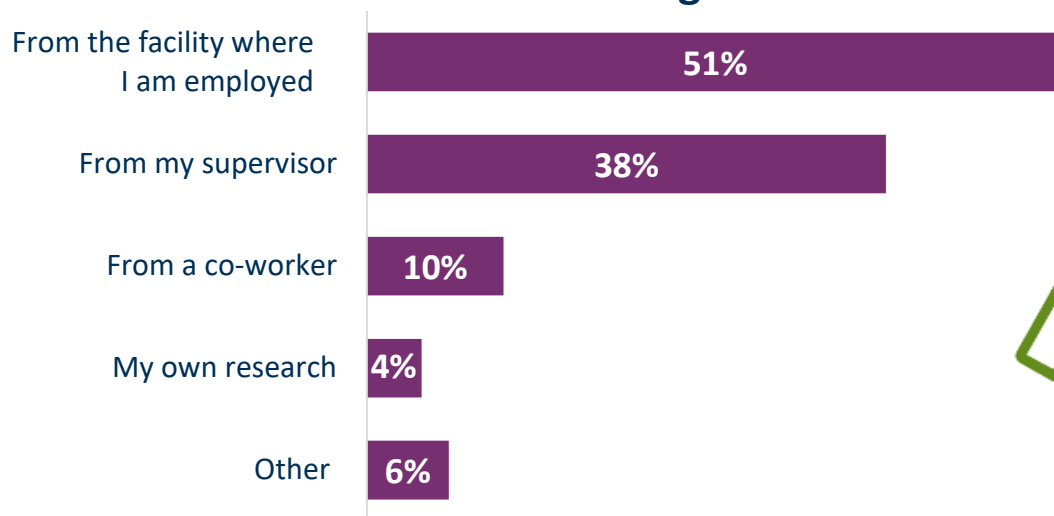


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Delegate integration into clinical practice

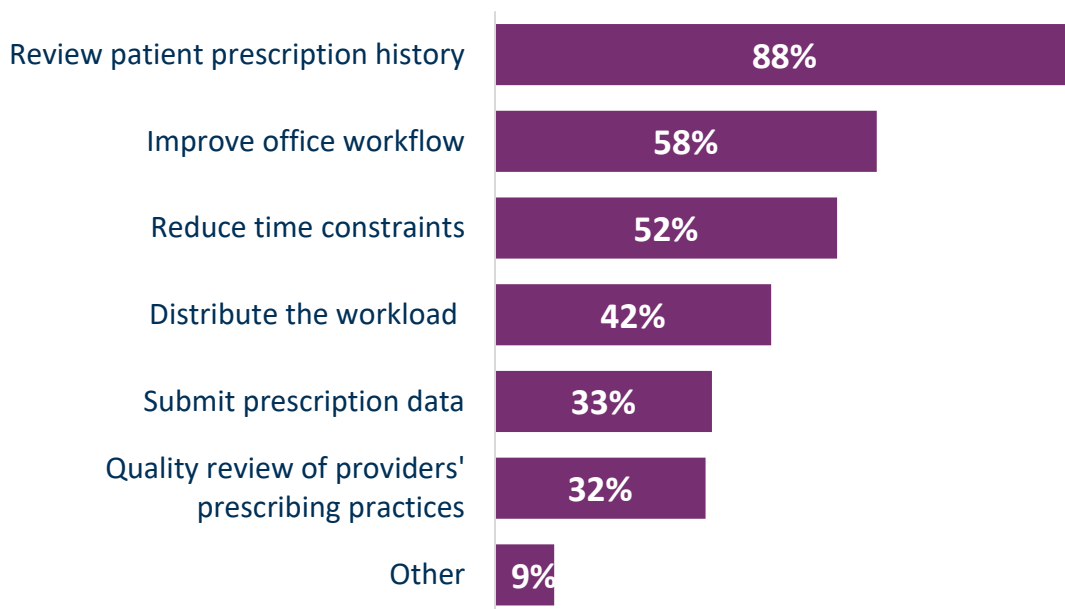
How delegates learn about the opportunity to become a delegate



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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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