

Identifying Opioid Abuse in Chronic Pain Patients

Reference Sheet

PDMP website: <https://pdmp.wi.gov/>

Effective on April 1, 2017, it is now mandatory under Wisconsin Law to check the PDMP prior to every controlled substance prescription is signed, with the following exceptions:

- Hospice patient
- Meds given directly to patient in the office
- A prescription that is 3 days or less with no refills
- Technical Failure
 - For Technical Failures (whether it is your system or the PDMP technology), it is required by law to connect to PDMP to notify them of the failure. To report, email the PDMP at PDMP@wisconsin.gov with the subject line “WI ePDMP Tech Failure.”
- Emergency, no time to check it
 - If you think that the patient will be harmed in the time that it takes to check the PDMP and write the prescription, it is fine to prescribe without checking the PDMP.