

PHARMACISTS AND PRACTITIONERS

MISUSE OR ABUSE?

Alabama Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

A tool to deter prescription fraud and abuse



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In accordance with Code of Alabama, 1975, § 20-2-210, et.seq, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has established a prescription drug monitoring program for all Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances dispensed in the state of Alabama or for patients residing in Alabama. Mandatory reporting began in April 2006.

The goals of the Alabama Prescription Drug Monitoring Program are:

- To provide a source of information for practitioners and pharmacists regarding the controlled substance usage of a patient;
- To reduce prescription drug abuse by providers and patients;
- To reduce time and effort to explore leads and access the merits of possible drug diversion cases; and
- To educate physicians, pharmacists, policy makers, law enforcement, and the public regarding the diversion, abuse, and misuse of controlled substances.

Mandatory Reporting

Under the law, only DISPENSERS are mandated to report Schedule II-V controlled substances data. **Dispensers include:**

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| ■ Physicians | ■ Community ambulatory pharmacies |
| ■ Dentists | ■ Hospital (outpatient) pharmacies |
| ■ Podiatrists | ■ Medicinal oxygen pharmacies |
| ■ Optometrists | ■ Mail order or pharmacy benefit programs |
| ■ Veterinarians | |

System Requirements

In order to access the controlled substances database you must have the following:

- Internet access
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 6.0 or above)
- A computer from which you can print
- A working e-mail address
- A professional ALABAMA license

For more information on how to apply for access to the PDMP database contact ADPH at 334.206.5226 or visit www.adph.org/pdmp