



### What Is the PMP Registry?

The PMP Registry is an online monitoring program that provides practitioners with direct, secure access to view dispensed controlled substance prescription histories for their patients.

### Who Is Required to Consult the PMP Registry?

Most prescribers in New York State are legally required to consult the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Registry when writing prescriptions for Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances.

- Prescribers **must** check the PMP Registry every time they prescribe a controlled substance.
- While it is not mandatory for pharmacists in New York State, they are permitted and encouraged to check the PMP Registry before dispensing controlled substances.

*\*See New York Public Health Law § 3343-A(2) for exceptions.*

### Find Out More

For PMP Registry instructional videos and free Continuing Medical Education (CME), visit [health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic](http://health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic)

### Contact Us

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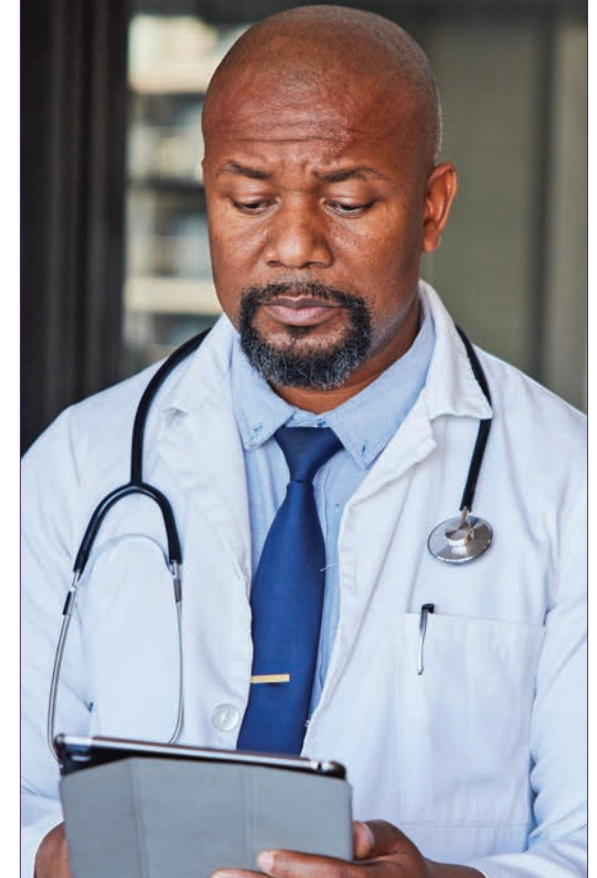
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## Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Registry

# Legal Duty to Consult



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Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement

## Why Check the PMP Registry? The PMP Registry...

### Saves Lives

By helping providers identify substance use disorder (SUD), so that early intervention and treatment may be offered.

### Keeps Communities Healthy

By preventing prescription drug diversion and improving clinical decision-making through multiple search features including across multiple states.

### Improves Patient Care

By allowing prescribers to spot potential drug interactions and avoid unnecessary prescriptions.

### Works

Checking the PMP Registry successfully contributes to combating the prescription drug abuse epidemic and enables prescribers to monitor for fraudulent activity under their credentials.



#### Citation

Prescription Monitoring Program Center of Excellence. "Briefing on PMP Effectiveness: Prescription Monitoring Programs: An Effective Tool in Curbing the Prescription Drug Abuse Epidemic." Bureau of Justice Assistance; March 2012. Accessed June 13, 2024.

## How to Access the PMP Registry

To access the PMP Registry, prescribers must have an active HCS account and a valid NYS license.

### • Log In or Create an Account:

Visit NYS Health Commerce System (<https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>) to log into your account or create a new one.

- **Start a Patient Search:** Once logged in, click on the "NYS PMP" icon to begin searching for patient information.



### Helpful Hints

- Medical residents must contact their facility HCS coordinator to gain access.
- If you transition from a medical resident to an attending provider, update your HCS profile to maintain access.
- For assistance with your HCS account, including log-in issues, contact the Commerce Accounts Management Unit (CAMU) at [camu@health.ny.gov](mailto:camu@health.ny.gov) or call **1-866-529-1890**.

## Did You Know You Can Assign a Designee?

Assigning a designee to search the PMP Registry on your behalf can help streamline your workflow, save time, and allow for more patient interaction.

### Tips for Incorporating a Designee

- Designees must work within your practice.
- Designees need their own active HCS account but are not required to hold a professional license.
- To assign a designee, select the "Designation" menu option and follow the prompts.



- You or your designee can search for patients up to 24 hours before prescribing a controlled substance.
- Review your list of designees annually to ensure only authorized individuals are searching on your behalf.
- You are responsible for your designee's search activities. You can check their search history anytime under "Reports."

