



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PHARMACISTS

FOR DISPENSING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, FROM THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

- Use the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) to search for the controlled substance prescription history of patients.
- You are required to search the PMP before dispensing the prescription if you believe a patient is seeking a controlled substance for any reason other than to treat a medical condition.
- Quickly assess the risk for misuse or unintentional overdose death using the patient risk score.
- You may not provide PMP reports to patients, attorneys, insurance companies, law enforcement, or any other requestor. If anyone requests that a pharmacist provide information from the PMP, refer them to the Office of Controlled Substances.
- Educate your patients on the proper use and effectiveness of naloxone, a lifesaving medication used to reverse the effects of an overdose caused by an opioid.
- You can dispense naloxone by prescription or by standing order. Consult with your pharmacy manager to verify the proper steps for dispensing naloxone under a standing order. For more information on how your pharmacy can participate in the standing order, visit <https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/standingorders.html>.



SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER FACTS FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH:

- Substance use disorders are chronic diseases that affect a person's brain function and behavior.
- MAT is effective in treating opioid use disorders and does not substitute one addiction for another.
- MAT restores balance to a brain affected by addiction and allows the brain to recover.
- MAT decreases opioid use, opioid-related overdose deaths, criminal activity, and infectious disease transmission.