Vermont

PDMP acronym: VPMS
Agency Responsible: Department of Health
Agency Type: Department of Health
Website: http://healthvermont.gov/vpms
Email: ahs.vdhvpms@vermont.gov
Register Website: https://vermont.pmpaware.net
Query Website: https://vermont.pmpaware.net
Data Upload Website: https://pmpclearinghouse.net
Statistics Website: http://www.healthvermont.gov/alcohol-drugs/reports/data-and-reports
Opioid Dashboard Website: http://www.healthvermont.gov/scorecard-opioids
Training Website:
Statute/Regulation Website: http://www.healthvermont.gov/about-us/laws-regulations/rules-and-regulations
Opioid Guidelines Website: http://www.healthvermont.gov/about-us/laws-regulations/rules-and-regulations

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State Population and Number of Registrants

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### Data Transmitter(s)

- Dispensing Practitioner
- Pharmacy (Mail Order In-State)
- Pharmacy (Other Out of State)
- Pharmacy (In-State)
- Pharmacy (Mail Order Out of State)
- Veterans Administration

### Substances Monitored

- Medical Marijuana Dispensations
- Naloxone/Narcan Dispensations

### Alternate Data Sources

- Overdoses - Fatal

### Available Reports

- Annual PDMP Reports
- Dispenser Reports to Law Enforcement
- MME Calculations
- Patient Query Lists to Patients
- Patient Reports to Law Enforcement
- Patient Reports to Prescribers
- PDMP Evaluation Reports
- Prescriber Reports to Law Enforcement
- Registrant Reports to Dispensers
- Statewide Statistics

- Clinical Alerts
- Licensee Reports to Licensing Board
- Multiple Provider Episode Reports
- Patient Reports to Dispensers
- Patient Reports to Licensing Boards
- Patient Reports with Summary Data
- Prescriber Report Cards
- Prescription Drug Combinations
- Registrant Reports to Prescribers
Statistical Capabilities

☑ # of Prescription Filled
☑ # of Prescriptions Filled by CS Schedule
☑ # of Prescriptions Filled by Drug Class
☑ Statistics Filtered by Age or Age Range
☐ Statistics Filtered by Ethnicity or Race
☑ # of Authorized PDMP Users Enrolled
☑ # of Registrants in SDTC
☑ # of Registrants in SDTC by Practice/License Type
☐ # of Data Errors by Error Type
☐ # of Data Errors Corrected
☑ # of At-Risk Patients by Risk Factor
☑ Risk Factor Statistics by Time Frame

☑ # of Solicited Prescriber Reports
☑ # of Solicited Prescriber Reports by Requestor Type
☐ # of Unsolicited Prescriber Reports
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☑ # of Dosage Units Dispensed
☑ # of Dosage Units Dispensed by CS Schedule
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☑ Statistics Filtered by Gender Identification
☑ Statistics Filtered by Geographic Location
☑ # of Prescribers Enrolled in PDMP by License Type
☑ # of Dispensers Enrolled in PDMP by License Type
☐ # of Prescribers Enrolled in PDMP by Specialty
☑ # of Unique Prescribers
☑ # of In-State Queries
☑ # of In-State Queries by Requestor Type
☑ # of Interstate Queries
☑ # of Interstate Queries by Requestor Type
☑ # of Positive Matches from Interstate Queries
☑ # of Solicited Statistical Reports by Requestor Type
☐ # of Unsolicited Statistical Reports by Requestor Type
☐ # of Unique Requestors for Solicited Reports
☑ # of Unique Requestors by Requestor Type (sol. reports)
☐ # of Unique Requestors for Unsolicited Reports
☑ # of Unique Recipients by Requestor Type (unsol. reports)

% Out-of-State Patients: 5-10%
% Out-of-State Prescribers: 5-10%

Data Analysis Resources Available:
Data Analyst
Authorized PDMP Users

Dispenser Delegates - Licensed/Solicited In-State
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Dispensers - Pharmacists/Unsolicited In-State
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Medicaid Drug Utilization and Review/Solicited In-State
Medicaid Fraud and Abuse/Solicited In-State
Medical Examiners and Coroners/Solicited In-State
Medical Examiners and Coroners/Solicited Out-of-State
Medical Interns/Solicited In-State
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Medical Residents/Solicited In-State
Medical Residents/Solicited Out-of-State
Nurse Practitioners/Solicited In-State
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Nurse Practitioners/Unsolicited In-State
Patients/Solicited In-State
Patients/Solicited Out-of-State
Physician Assistants/Solicited In-State
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Physician Assistants/Unsolicited In-State
Prescriber Delegates - Licensed/Solicited In-State
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Prescribers/Solicited In-State
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Prescribers/Unsolicited In-State
Regulatory and Licensing Boards/Solicited In-State
Regulatory and Licensing Boards/Unsolicited In-State
State Health Departments/Solicited In-State
Engaged PDMP Users

Dispenser Delegates - Licensed/Solicited In-State
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Prescribers/Solicited Out-of-State
Prescribers/Unsolicited In-State
Regulatory and Licensing Boards/Solicited In-State
Budget

Total Annual Budget: $360,000.00  PDMP Staff: 2
# of Employees - Operational: 0  # of Employees - Other: 0
# of Employees - Technical: 1
# of Employees - Analytical: 1

Funding Source(s)

CDC Grant

Technologies

Data Collection Entity: Vendor  Data Collection Vendor name: Bamboo Health
Data Storage Entity: Vendor  Data Storage Vendor name: Bamboo Health
Report Generation Entity: Vendor  Report Generation Vendor name: Bamboo Health

☑ State HIE in place  ☑ RxCheck Integration Allowed  ☑ VHA VISTA integration
☐ HL7 FHIR connectivity  ASAP Version Utilized: 4.2

Patient Matching

☑ Referential Matching  ☑ Exact Matching
☑ Deterministic Matching  ☑ Probabilistic Matching
☑ Manual Matching  ☑ Probabilistic and Manual Matching
☐ Other Matching

☑ Access to patient matching algorithms

Patient Matching Metrics Available: True positive matches, False positive matches, True negative matches, False negative matches

Patient matching data elements: Patient last name, Patient first name, Patient middle name or initial, Patient address, Patient date of birth, Prescriber, prescribed drug, phone number, pharmacy location, and other fields used when select records are manually reviewed

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PDMP Policies

Enabling legislation enacted: 2006
PDMP operational: 2009
User access date (any method): 2009
User electronic access date: 2009
Date received electronic data: 2009
Interstate sharing start date: 2016
Law/Statute citation: VT Statute Title 18 §§4218; 4281; Title 28 §801
Regulation/Rule citation: VT Code Regs 12-5-21 §§1 to 5
Dr Shopper law/statute: 18 VSA §§ 4223
Pill Mill law/statute:
Pain Clinic law/statute:
Unauthorized Use or Disclosure: VT Statute Title 18 §4284(g)

☑ Required Notification to consumers
☑ Mandated Use of Advisory Group
☑ Payment method captured
☑ Ability to id prescriber specialty
☐ Patient consent required before PDMP data release
☐ Ability for users to set thresholds for alert notices
☐ Ability for users to do user-led alert notices
☐ Mandatory E-Prescribing (EPCS)
☑ Compliance Process for Enrollment Mandates
☑ Compliance Process for Query Mandate
☐ ICD-10 Codes Collected
☐ Deceased Patient Field
☐ Patient ID Required to be Presented to Dispenser
☑ Ability to de-id data
☑ Authority to release de-id data

Data Retention Policy
Data Retention Time: 6 years
☑ All Information Purged
☐ Patient Information Purged
☐ Prescriber Information Purged
☐ Dispenser Information Purged
☐ Drug Information Purged
☑ HIPAA Covered Entity
☑ Identifiable Data to State Health Dept
☐ Identifiable Data to local Health Dept
☑ Certified as CMS Specialized Registry
☑ PDMP Disaster Recovery Plan

ID Types Reported:

De-identified data sharing conditions: Department of Health Use of Data 1. The Department may use the data contained in the VPMS database for health promotion purposes including the publication of aggregate, de-identified data about the extent of reportable prescription drug use in Vermont.

De-Identified Data Retention Details:
☐ Retain De-Identified Data

Record Retention Details:
☐ Patient Notification of Breach
☐ Written Notification of Breach

Patient Breach Notification Method:
Patient Breach Notification Method Other:
E-prescribing required substances:
E-prescribing exemptions/waivers:

Authority to enforce PDMP mandates: Regulatory/Licensing Board
Enrollment and Accounts

- □ Supervisor Review/audit of Delegate Accounts  Number of Delegates allows:  <50
- □ Auto Enroll with License Renewal or App

Enrollment Method:
- online enrollment

Practitioner IDs for PDMP Account:
- DEA controlled substance registration number; Licensing Board number; National Provider Identifier;

2 Factor Authentication:
- 2 factor authentication not offered

Criteria for Dispensers to get account to upload data
- Must complete online profile registration

Criteria for Prescriber delegates to get account:
- Delegate accounts must be added to a master account holder with a valid DEA and VT license.

Criteria for Dispenser delegates to get account:
- Delegate accounts must be added to a master account holder with a valid DEA and VT license.

Criteria for PAs to get account:
- Must have a valid DEA and VT license

Criteria for Nurse Practitioners to get account:
- Must have a valid DEA and VT license

Criteria for other users to get account:

Requirements for Patients to get PDMP Report:
- A patient for whom a prescription for a controlled substance has been written or dispensed may request information from VPMS relating to himself or herself. The request shall be submitted to the Department in writing, shall be signed by the patient and sh

Requirements for others to get PDMP Report
- Criteria for Online Non-healthcare accounts:
  - Medical examiners/coroners

PDMP Data for Epidemiological Purposes:
- Authority to Release

- □ Law Enforcement On-line access to PDMP
- □ Law Enforcement Written Request access to PDMP

Law Enforcement Access Method:
- Court Order/Approval
**Enrollment Mandates**

Dispenser - Mandatory PDMP Enrollment  
Prescriber - Mandatory PDMP Enrollment  

**Effective Date(s):** July 1, 2013  

**Details:**  
18 V.S.A. § 4289. Standards and guidelines for health care providers and dispensers (b)(1) Each health care provider who prescribes any Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances shall register with the VPMS by November 15, 2013. Vermont Prescription Monitoring System Rule:  
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VT ADC 12-5-102:5.0 OBOT Administration and Operation Requirements  
5.3 OBOT providers shall register with VPMS and comply with the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System Rule.  

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**Use Mandates**

Dispenser - Mandatory PDMP Use  
Prescriber - Mandatory PDMP Use  

**Effective Date(s):** November 15, 2013 (health care providers); October 1, 2013 (replacement prescriptions); December 3, 2014 (extended release non-abuse deterrent hydrocodones); May 8, 2012 (OTPs); October 29, 2014 (Medicaid); OBOT 10-11-21  

**Details:**  
Vermont Prescription Monitoring System Rule:  
6.2 Prescriber-Required Querying of VPMS Prior to prescribing a controlled substance for a patient, Vermont licensed prescribers and/or their delegates must query the VPMS system in the following circumstances:  
6.2.1 The first time the provider prescribes an opioid Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance written to treat pain when such a prescription exceeds 10 pills or the equivalent;  
6.2.2 When starting a patient on a Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance for nonpalliative long-term pain therapy of 90 days or more;  
6.2.3 Prior to writing a replacement prescription for a Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance;  
6.2.4 At least annually for patients who are receiving ongoing treatment (treatment without meaningful interruption) with an opioid Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance;  
6.2.5 The first time a provider prescribes a benzodiazepine;  
6.2.6 When a patient requests an opioid prescription or a renewal of an existing prescription for pain from an Emergency Department or Urgent Care prescriber if the prescriber intends to write a prescription for an opioid;  
6.2.7 With the exception of prescriptions written from an OTP, prior to prescribing buprenorphine or a drug containing buprenorphine to a Vermont patient for the first time and at regular intervals thereafter, and:  
6.2.7.1 At regular intervals thereafter, but no less than twice annually; and  
6.2.7.2 No fewer than two times annually thereafter; and  
6.2.7.3 Prior to writing a replacement prescription.  
6.2.8 In the case of an OTP, prior to prescribing buprenorphine, methadone, or a drug containing buprenorphine to a Vermont patient for the first time, and:  
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5.2.3 When a patient requests a refill of a prescription for a Schedule II, III, or IV opioid controlled substance substantially in advance of when a refill would ordinarily be due; and  
5.2.4 When the dispenser is aware that the patient is being prescribed Schedule II, III, or IV opioid controlled substances by more than one prescriber.  

VT ADC 12-5-102:6.0 Clinical Care and Management Requirements  
6.5.2 Monitoring for Diversion 6.5.2.1 To ensure patient and public safety, each OBOT provider shall develop clinical practices to minimize risk of diversion. These clinical practices shall include: 6.5.2.1.1 Querying VPMS as required by the
Vermont Prescription Monitoring System Rule.

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### PDMP Queries

- **Ability to search for multiple patients in one query**: ✔
- **Patient Query Date Range**: >3 years
- **Minimum data elements to query for healthcare user**: last name, first name, dob
- **Query by partial data elements by healthcare user**: must provide at least first three letters of first name and first three letters of last name with a partial name search
- **Optional data elements to query by healthcare user**: middle name, gender, street, city, state, zip, prescription date range
- **Minimum data elements to query for non-healthcare user**: last name, first name, dob
- **Query by partial data elements by non-healthcare user**:
- **Optional data elements to query by non-healthcare user**: middle name, gender, street, city, state, zip, prescription date range

### Unsolicited Reports/Push Notifications

- **Frequency unsolicited alerts/reports generated**: Quarterly
- **Delivery method for unsolicited alerts/reports**:
  - Providers surpassing 5x5 MPE are reviewed by the Commissioner of Health for follow-up and/or referral to licensing board
- **Delivery method for unsolicited alerts/reports - LE**:
- **Delivery method for unsolicited alerts/reports - Boards**:
  - Unsolicited reports are only sent to the licensing boards in two scenarios: 1) if prescriber has been flagged through Commissioner of Health review, 2) if the prescriber has not responded to multiple requests to register for VPMS and has continued prescri

- ✔ Unsolicited alerts/reports to practitioners not enrolled in PDMP
Veterinary Policies

Data transmission frequency for Veterinarians:

Criteria for veterinarian queries:
- Veterinarian access to owner's prescription history
- Veterinary Icon on PDMP Report

Reporting Specifications

Reporting Method:
Reporting Specifications:
- Data Fields:
  Reporting Description:
- Reporting Mandate Compliance
  Reporting Compliance Details:
  Reporting Mandate Actions:

Reporting Issues: Veterinarians are not allowed to register as submitters

Enrollment Mandate Criteria:

Enrollment Mandate Compliance

Enrollment Mandate Compliance Details: Veterinarians are not allowed to enroll as either requestors or submitters

Query Mandate Criteria:

Query Mandate Compliance

Query Mandate Compliance Details: Veterinarians are not permitted by statute/rule/policy to query
PDMP Effectiveness Measures

Reduction in morphine milligram equivalents (MMEs) prescribed or dispensed
Reduction in number of fatal or non-fatal overdoses
Reduction in incidence of multiple provider episodes
Reduction in number of opioid prescriptions issued

Substance Use Disorder Activities

Tools or Resources
- MAT Services
- MOUD Services
- Harm Reduction Strategies
- Mental Health Assistance Services
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Housing Assistance Programs
- Re-Entry Programs
- Other:

Surveillance Activities
- Emergency Department Data
- Medical Examiner/Coroner Data

Data Sources for Surveillance Activities:
While the PDMP participates in surveillance activities through provision of data and/or linking, this information is not integrated into the PDMP, nor specifically under the PDMP program's oversight.
https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ADAP-2018-Vermont-Social-Autopsy.pdf is one of the largest projects of this sort, although other projects including EMS data are also in the works, although not active reports yet.

Initiated Actions
- Resources to Affected Areas
- Directed Training on Prescribing
- Prescription Drug Tool Kits
- Risk Evaluation/Analysis on PDMP Reports
- Referrals to SUD Organizations
- Referrals to OFR Teams
- Other Actions: