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VIRGINIA'S PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

Optimizing Management
Minimizing Risk



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Prescription Monitoring Program

- Mission:
To promote the appropriate use of controlled substances for legitimate medical purposes while deterring the misuse, abuse, and diversion of controlled substances.



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WHAT IT IS NOT INTENDED TO DO

- **Not** to prevent people from getting drugs for legitimate medical purposes
- **Not** to decrease the number of prescriptions for pain management
- **Not** to target patients, prescribers, or pharmacies for investigation



WHAT KIND OF DRUGS ARE REPORTED?

- Oxycontin, methadone, morphine, Ritalin (SCHEDULE II)
- Lortab, Vicodin, testosterone, Tylenol with Codeine (SCHEDULE III)
- Valium, Xanax, Darvocet-N100, Ambien (SCHEDULE IV)



WHO MAY GET INFORMATION?

- Doctors and Pharmacists for their patients
- Investigators for licensing boards and certain law enforcement agents if they have an open investigation
- Patients for their own prescription history
- Other authorized users.....



Risk Management Tool

Protection for the patient

- provides the practitioner with information needed to make informed decisions about prescribing or dispensing i.e. avoiding overlaps or counter indications in drug therapy

Protection for the practitioner

- Provides an alert for possible abuse, misuse, or diversion that can protect against "duping" that can lead to disciplinary action or prosecution



USE OF THE REPORT: What a prescriber or dispenser can do

- They may:
 - Discuss the contents of the report with
 - The patient,
 - Another health care provider treating the patient
 - A dispenser who has dispensed or will dispense medications to the patient

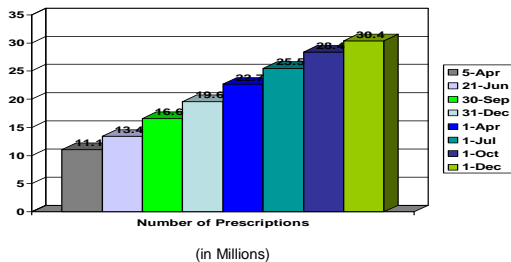


USE OF THE REPORT What a prescriber or dispenser can't do

- **THEY MAY NOT GIVE THE ACTUAL REPORT TO ANYONE INCLUDING THE PATIENT**
- Note: A patient over the age of eighteen may request their own report



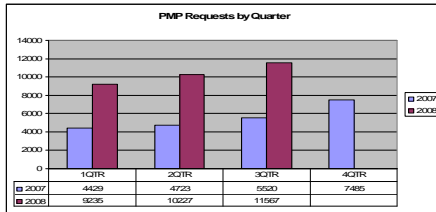
Prescriptions in Database





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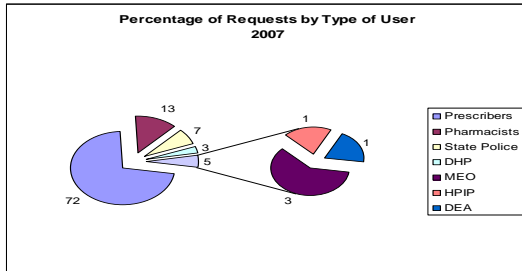
Requests for Information





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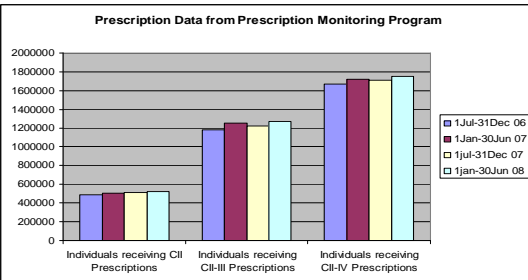
Percentage of Requests by Type of User 2007





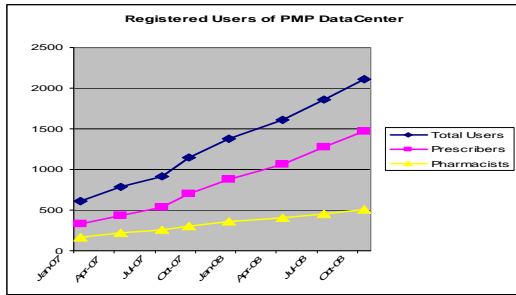
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Prescription Data from Prescription Monitoring Program



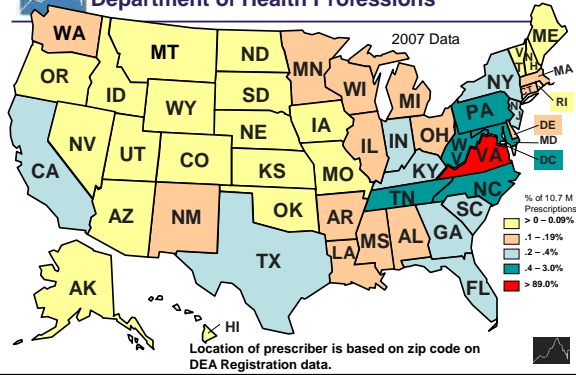


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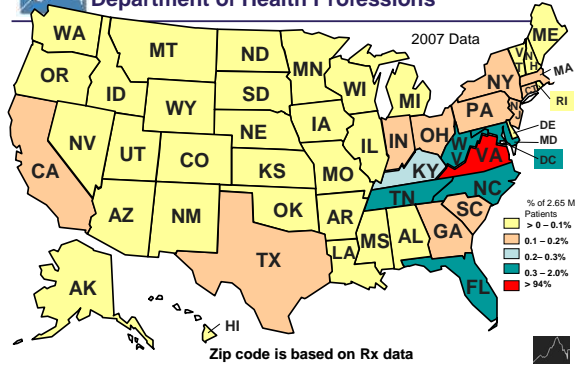


Rxs from Prescribers in VA PMP Department of Health Professions





Zip Code of Patients in VA PMP Department of Health Professions





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FUNDING

- Primarily federal grants until FY09
- Some funds from an indiscriminate/excessive prescribing fraud case settlement/grant and old Controlled Substance Registration fees
- Prepared to use license fees to operate program starting in FY09
- Purdue Frederick Settlement



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LOOKING AHEAD

- 24/7 access for prescribers and dispensers
- Education outreach
- Interoperability



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