



## What is the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)?

Washington State's PMP is called Prescription Review. It is a secure statewide online database that collects patient data on Schedules II, III, IV, and V controlled substances. You can find a list of these medications and more information at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.50>.

Most states in the U.S. have a PMP, and [more studies](#) are showing their effectiveness. They are intended to improve public health, enhance patient care, and protect public safety.

## Can we delegate authority to request information from Prescription Review?

Yes. A prescriber can delegate the authority to a licensed health professional that works for them (such as a registered nurse or health care assistant). The delegating prescriber must ensure that the employee maintains confidentiality of the information.

## Can we print this information?

Yes.

## How is patient privacy protected?

Prescription Review is HIPAA compliant. It has built-in security features designed to protect patient information. Only people authorized by the law can access personal prescription records.

## Do we have to document our actions?

Documentation is not required, but it is recommended.

## Is this real-time information or delayed?

There may be a lag of up to one week because information is updated every seven days. Therefore, prescriptions dispensed a few days before your Prescription Review check may not show up.

## Does this align with other software?

Some are aligned. If not, ask your software vendor to seek alignment. Everything they need is in the [Dispenser's Implementation Guide](#).

## What information will we see?

Patient name, address, and date of birth. Prescriber and dispenser information, including pharmacy name, drug name and dosage, and the prescribing and dispensing dates.

## Is information from border states shown?

Not yet, but it will be pursued in the future.

## What steps should we take if we suspect abuse or misuse?

- Contact the prescriber(s).
- Explain your concerns.
- Decide with the prescriber(s) on a plan of action. This may include talking with other prescribers, sending the patient back to a prescriber, calling the police, or refusing to fill the prescription.
- Document your activities.

## Can we deny a prescription and be supported if we can't connect with the prescriber?

This depends on the individual situation. Use your professional judgment and document thoroughly and accordingly.

## What if we think a crime has been committed?

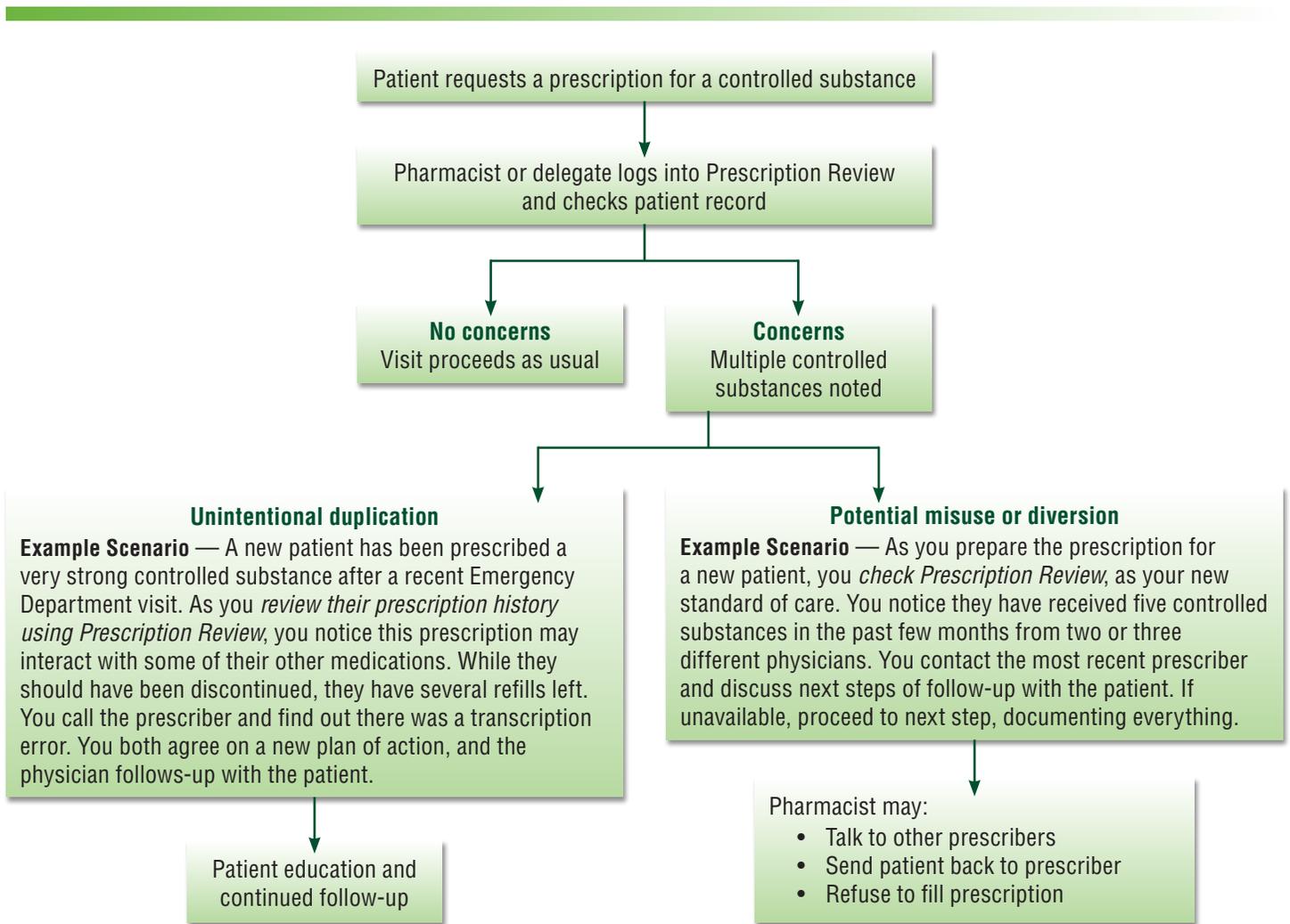
If you have reason to believe a crime has been committed, you should consider calling the police.

## How will communication and tutorials be shared?

Via [email listserv updates](#) and posted on [www.wapmp.org](http://www.wapmp.org) when available.

## Who do I contact for technical questions?

The Prescription Review Help Desk (Health Information Designs): Contact them at [wapmp-info@hidinc.com](mailto:wapmp-info@hidinc.com) or 877-719-3121.



## Resources

### For Clinicians

- Washington State Department of Health's Provider factsheet: [www.wapmp.org/wapmpfiles/Provider\\_Factsheet.pdf](http://www.wapmp.org/wapmpfiles/Provider_Factsheet.pdf)
- Washington State Department of Health's Dispenser factsheet: [www.wapmp.org/wapmpfiles/Dispenser\\_Factsheet.pdf](http://www.wapmp.org/wapmpfiles/Dispenser_Factsheet.pdf)
- CAGE AID: [www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/Files/cageover.pdf](http://www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/Files/cageover.pdf)
- DSHS Screening Tool: [www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/dbhr/da/PocketScreeningGuide.pdf](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/dbhr/da/PocketScreeningGuide.pdf)
- DSHS Treatment Services: [www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/dadirectory.shtml](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/dadirectory.shtml)
- Graded chronic pain scale: [www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/Files/OpioidGdline.pdf](http://www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/Files/OpioidGdline.pdf)
- Helping Patients with Drug Use Disorders: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/pharmacy/Toolkit.htm>
- MED (Morphine Equivalent Dose) Calculator: [www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/opioiddosing.asp#CME](http://www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/opioiddosing.asp#CME)
- NIDA Screening Tool (PDF): [www.nida.nih.gov/nidamed/screening/nmassist.pdf](http://www.nida.nih.gov/nidamed/screening/nmassist.pdf)
- Opioid Dosing Guideline and DOH Pain Management Rules Online Activity: [www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/activity/start.asp](http://www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/activity/start.asp)
- Opioid Risk Tool: [www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/Files/opioidrisktool.pdf](http://www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/Files/opioidrisktool.pdf)
- Physician Clinical Support System for Primary Care (PCSS-P): [www.pcssprimarycare.org/](http://www.pcssprimarycare.org/)
- Washington State Department of Health Pain Management website: [www.doh.wa.gov/PublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/PainManagement.aspx](http://www.doh.wa.gov/PublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/PainManagement.aspx)

### For Patients

- Washington State Department of Health's Public Factsheet: [www.wapmp.org/wapmpfiles/Public\\_Factsheet.pdf](http://www.wapmp.org/wapmpfiles/Public_Factsheet.pdf)
- Prescription Drug Abuse Handout: [www.nida.nih.gov/pdf/nidamed/prescription\\_drug\\_abuse\\_download\\_nidamed.pdf](http://www.nida.nih.gov/pdf/nidamed/prescription_drug_abuse_download_nidamed.pdf)
- Safe Use of Prescription Pain Medication Handout: <http://here.doh.wa.gov/materials/prescribing-pain-medication>