



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance

South Dakota Board Welcomes Newly Registered Pharmacists and Pharmacies

Congratulations to the following 25 candidates who recently met licensure requirements and became licensed as new pharmacists in South Dakota: Danielle Blais, Alyssa Boesche, Lauren Dolly, Adam Goetz, Paige Harmon, James Harnois, Melanie Heeren, Jessica Henter, Kailyn Hochstein, Robert Juenemann, Lucas Kraemer, Alexandra Lakness, Abby Lingle, Chelsea Morken, Lindsay Newenhouse, Randy Nicoski, Ami Patel, Max Pierson, Rachel Propst, Kelli Semerad, Natalie Sovell, Colton Trowbridge, Artur Volkotrub, Chloe Williams, and Michael Zucarelli.

In addition, there were three South Dakota full-time pharmacy licenses issued: Hy-Vee, Inc, dba Hy-Vee Pharmacy (3633), License #100-2071, Hartford, SD (change of ownership); Vytal Pharmacy, License #100-2072, Sioux Falls, SD; and Brown Pharmacy, LLC, dba Downtown Drug, License #100-2073, Watertown, SD. There were four South Dakota part-time pharmacy licenses issued: Sioux Empire Triage Center, dba The Link—Avera McKennan, License #200-1737, Sioux Falls; Pharmacy Corporation of America, dba Avantara Redfield, License #200-1738, Redfield, SD; Pharmacy Corporation of America, dba Avantara Groton, License #200-1739, Groton, SD; and Pharmacy Corporation of America, dba Avantara Norton, License #200-1740, Sioux Falls. There was one new South Dakota wholesale license issued in the quarter: Animart, LLC, dba Armor Animal Health, License #600-3284, Sioux Falls.

What Should a Pharmacist Do When a Prescription Is Suspected to Be Fraudulent?

By Melissa DeNoon, PDMP Director

This has become a very popular question from South Dakota pharmacists to South Dakota State Board of Pharmacy staff. Pharmacists' radar is on high alert as South Dakota continues to be a target for fraudulent prescriptions, especially for promethazine with codeine syrup. Board staff put together these recommendations to follow if a prescription is suspected of being fraudulent:

1. Contact the prescriber to determine legitimacy of the prescription using a phone number on file with the pharmacy or found through an independent search, especially if the prescription was communicated by telephone.

2. If the prescriber cannot be contacted to verify legitimacy of the prescription, ie, after hours, inform the patient that the prescription needs to be verified by speaking with the prescriber. If the patient presented a hard copy and now asks for the prescription hard copy back, make a photocopy for evidence, if possible, and then comply because legitimacy has not been verified. Pharmacy staff safety is most important, especially if it is suspected that the individual could become violent.
3. If the prescriber is contacted and verifies the prescription is fraudulent:
 - a. Inform the prescriber that company/store policy on fraudulent prescriptions will be followed, which typically involves contacting local law enforcement. If the pharmacy does not have a written policy, start with contacting local law enforcement.
 - b. If possible, obtain and make a photocopy of the government-issued identification of the individual who presents or comes to pick up the prescription to provide to law enforcement.
 - c. Contact the Board office with details of the fraudulent prescription so that an alert can be emailed to South Dakota pharmacists.
 - d. Most importantly, be aware that the individual does not need to purchase the product on the forged prescription, as merely the possession of the forged prescription is a felony.**

Administrative Rules of South Dakota [22-39-38](#). Possessing a forged instrument-- Knowledge--Intent--Felony. Any person who, with the intent to defraud, possesses any forged instrument with the knowledge that the instrument has been forged is guilty of possessing a forged instrument. Possessing a forged instrument is a Class 6 felony.

NABP's Consumer Resources

The Board office is often asked questions about the safety of mail-order pharmacies in Canada and other locations. Consumers can visit the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) consumer website, www.safe.pharmacy, to ensure that they are visiting a legitimate and safe pharmacy website or resource. In the Buy Safely section, a website address for an online pharmacy may be entered into the page to determine if it is considered a safe site or not. NABP has researched the safety of thousands of online sellers. Consumers can benefit from this information. Further, there are excellent resources for consumers on drug disposal, safe use, and abuse prevention.

NABP/AACP District 5 Meeting Update

The 2021 NABP/American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) District 5 meeting will be held virtually on August 6, 2021. It was planned for Manitoba but due to travel restrictions, the group is unable to continue with an in-person venue. Barring any further pandemic restrictions, the 2022 NABP/AACP District 5 meeting will be held in Custer State Park August 4-6, 2022.

PDMP Update

By Melissa DeNoon, PDMP Director

The South Dakota Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) announced on April 14, 2021, that interstate data sharing was set up with Nebraska. A separate search request needs to be performed for Nebraska by following these steps:

1. Navigate to the "Patient Request" screen in the section titled, "Also Search."
2. Click on the "RxCheck" tab, select "Nebraska," and then click "Search."

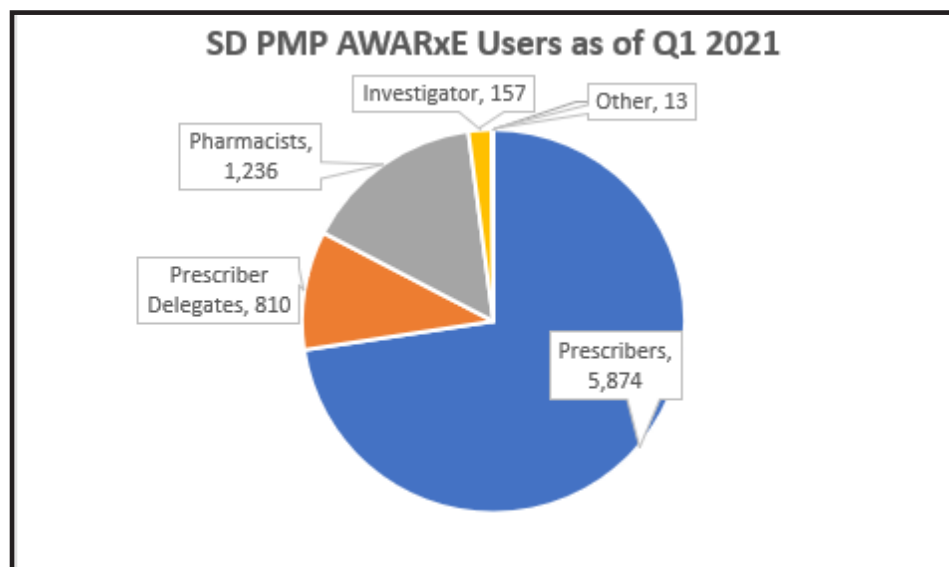
Please Note: All other states that are available for searching need to be selected on the "PMP InterConnect" tab in the "Also Search" section and will require a second search request to be performed.

The PDMP compiles monthly and year-over-year program data for informative and evaluative purposes. The following are some of the data sets from these analyses.

| April Top Ten Controlled Substances (CS) to SD Patients | RXs | Quantity | Days of Supply | Avg Quant/Rx |
|---|--------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE/ACETAMINOPHEN | 12,363 | 664,826 | 154,912 | 54 |
| TRAMADOL HCL | 9,822 | 598,282 | 167,110 | 61 |
| DEXTRAMPHETAMINE SULF-SACCHARATE/AMPHETAMINE SULF-ASPARTATE | 7,959 | 352,126 | 236,972 | 44 |
| LORAZEPAM | 6,676 | 284,263 | 144,432 | 43 |
| CLONAZEPAM | 6,044 | 325,168 | 177,138 | 54 |
| ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE | 5,976 | 205,509 | 204,674 | 34 |
| METHYLPHENIDATE HCL | 5,420 | 228,794 | 162,657 | 42 |
| OXYCODONE HCL | 4,362 | 222,649 | 53,706 | 51 |
| ALPRAZOLAM | 4,144 | 217,998 | 107,287 | 53 |
| LISDEXAMFETAMINE DIMESYLATE | 3,602 | 109,517 | 107,980 | 30 |

| Year 2020 Top Ten Controlled Substances (CS) to SD Patients | RXs | Quantity | Days of Supply | Avg Quant/Rx | 2019 Rank | 2018 Rank |
|---|---------|-----------|----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE/ACETAMINOPHEN | 145,862 | 8,163,653 | 1,903,727 | 56 | 1 | 1 |
| TRAMADOL HCL | 117,316 | 7,462,916 | 2,028,465 | 64 | 2 | 2 |
| DEXTRAMPHETAMINE SULF-SACCHARATE/AMPHETAMINE SULF-ASPARTATE | 84,146 | 3,850,061 | 2,515,776 | 46 | 4 | 6 |
| LORAZEPAM | 83,383 | 3,624,931 | 1,822,438 | 43 | 3 | 3 |
| CLONAZEPAM | 74,180 | 4,044,728 | 2,177,195 | 55 | 5 | 5 |
| ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE | 72,381 | 2,494,954 | 2,494,698 | 34 | 6 | 4 |
| METHYLPHENIDATE HCL | 59,198 | 2,558,605 | 1,776,849 | 43 | 7 | 7 |
| ALPRAZOLAM | 51,106 | 2,730,626 | 1,335,811 | 53 | 8 | 8 |
| OXYCODONE HCL | 48,042 | 2,726,177 | 675,526 | 57 | 9 | 9 |
| LISDEXAMFETAMINE DIMESYLATE | 40,550 | 1,232,607 | 1,219,092 | 30 | 10 | 10 |

| Clinical Alerts Measures | Total Alerts for All Prescribers | Total Prescribers Received Alerts | Prescriber/Dispenser Alerts | Daily Active MME Threshold Alerts | Opioid & Benzo Threshold Alerts |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2018 Totals | 90,879 | 13,029 | 515 | 34,592 | 55,772 |
| 2019 Totals | 72,963 | 12,350 | 407 | 25,949 | 46,607 |
| 2020 Totals | 66,931 | 11,579 | 229 | 22,389 | 44,313 |



Board Meeting Dates

Please check the Board's [website](#) for the time, location, and agenda for future Board meetings.

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