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## Prescription Monitoring Program Expansion



The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) is an electronic database that collects information on controlled substance prescriptions.



Prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances can search information on this system, which is updated weekly.



Routine use of the PMP has prevented numerous cases of doctor shopping in their offices, and between 2014 and 2016, Illinois saw a 12.9% reduction in opioid analgesic prescriptions filled, according to a recent survey released by the American Medical Association.



The Illinois State Medical Society recommends that all physicians incorporate use of the PMP in their practices before prescribing Schedule II drugs to help curb the opioid epidemic.

**The value of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) can be recognized by all physicians, regardless of specialty.**

**Continued diligence by physicians and use of tools like the PMP can further reduce the number of unnecessary opioid prescriptions and improve patient safety.**

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The PMP has become an essential tool, giving doctors a blueprint so that prescribers can now know where patients are getting prescriptions and how much they are getting. It allows doctors to see whether the patient has multiple prescriptions for narcotics and helps aid the conversation with patients as well as setting dosages.

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## ***Fast Facts About Emergency Medicine***

**Access to emergency care is critical and more people rely on emergency physicians than ever before.**

One in three people in the U.S. come to the emergency department, for a total 150 million visits to the emergency department every year.

Emergency physicians are uniquely trained with the expertise to lead skilled care teams in thousands of emergency departments across the country.



**Nearly half** of all medical care in the United States is delivered in an emergency department.



**Nearly 70%** of emergency care goes uncompensated or undercompensated.



**Nine in ten** say it is essential to have 24/7 access to the ER, the highest of any utility or service that communities provide.



**Only 2.5%** of the patients seen in 2020 came to the emergency department for a non-urgent medical condition.



**More than half** of adults who sought immediate medical care chose to go to an emergency department because urgent care was unavailable, or they were referred by a medical provider.