

WAC 246-922-790 Prescription monitoring program—Required registration, queries, and documentation. (1) The podiatric physician shall register to access the PMP or demonstrate proof of having registered to access the PMP if the podiatric physician prescribes opioids in Washington state.

(2) The podiatric physician is permitted to delegate performance of a required PMP query to an authorized designee in accordance with WAC 246-470-050.

(3) At a minimum, the podiatric physician shall ensure a PMP query is performed prior to the prescription of an opioid at the following times:

(a) Upon the second refill or renewal of an opioid prescription for acute nonoperative pain or acute perioperative pain;

(b) The time of transition from acute to subacute pain; and

(c) The time of transition from subacute to chronic pain.

(4) For chronic pain management, the podiatric physician shall ensure a PMP query is performed at a minimum frequency determined by the patient's risk assessment, as follows:

(a) For a high-risk patient, a PMP query shall be completed at least quarterly.

(b) For a moderate-risk patient as determined using the risk assessment tool described in WAC 246-922-715, a PMP query shall be completed at least semiannually.

(c) For a low-risk patient as determined using the risk assessment tool described in WAC 246-922-715, a PMP query shall be completed at least annually.

(5) The podiatric physician shall ensure a PMP query is performed for any chronic pain patient immediately upon identification of aberrant behavior.

(6) The podiatric physician shall ensure a PMP query is performed when providing episodic care to a patient who the podiatric physician knows to be receiving opioids for chronic pain, in accordance with WAC 246-922-770.

(7) For the purposes of this section, the requirement to consult the PMP does not apply when the PMP or the electronic medical record (EMR) cannot be accessed by the podiatric physician due to a temporary technological or electrical failure.

(8) If the podiatric physician is working in a practice, group, or institution that integrates access to the PMP into the workflow of the EMR, the podiatric physician shall ensure a PMP query is performed for all prescriptions of opioids and coprescribed medications listed in WAC 246-922-755(1) for acute pain.

(9) Pertinent concerns discovered in the PMP must be documented in the patient record.

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