


**NABP PMP InterConnect:
It's Not a Social Media Site and You Sure
Don't Want to Look for Friends There!**

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Learning Objectives

- Describe what Prescription Monitoring Programs are and why they are needed and used.
- Explain what NABP's PMP InterConnect is and what it does.
- Outline what the PMIX Architecture is.
- Discuss how PMP InterConnect is evolving to meet the needs of consumers of PMP Information.

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What are Prescription Monitoring Programs

- Collect dispensing data for Schedule II-V controlled substances (CS) (and sometimes additional drugs) into a central statewide database for use in preventing diversion and abuse by "doctor and pharmacy shopping."
- Effective tool for curtailing drug abuse and diversion while ensuring access to a CS for patients with a legitimate medical need.
- Mostly used by physicians and pharmacists, also by regulators and law enforcement in some states.
- States may differ slightly in the drugs that must be reported, frequency that pharmacies/dispensers must report, and who can access the database. States are more similar than different.
 - IL PMP collects Schedule II-V drugs dispensed information.

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Prescription Monitoring Programs: National Landscape

- 44 states/jurisdictions have functional PMPs or are at least collecting data
- 6: AR, DC, GU, MD, MT, NH – gearing up to implement
- 2: DC and MO – no authorizing legislation, but both are close
- Where the PMPs are housed:
 - 18 Health/Substance Abuse/Consumer Protection
 - 26 Board of Pharmacy/Professional Licensing
 - 7 Law Enforcement

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PMIX Architecture


- Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Grants
- Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Prescription Monitoring Program Information Exchange (PMIX) architecture is an interoperability infrastructure that seeks to facilitate interstate data sharing between PMPs or "Hubs"
 - NABP InterConnect considered a "hub" in the architecture.

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Concerns with PMPs today:


- Persons engaging in doctor shopping don't stay in one state, particularly areas that border other states
 - They actively try to disguise their behaviors to avoid detection
 - Querying a single state PMP may not give a complete picture to a physician or pharmacist of the controlled substances a person is obtaining
- Low utilization/lack of integration
- PMPs lack functional and analytical tools



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- Launched in July 2011
 - To date has processed over 2 million requests
 - with an average speed of 5.5 seconds to process each request.
 - Speed limited to response capabilities of participating state PMP programs, not the hub.

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Cost for States to Participate

- \$0 participation costs for first 5 years, although states may incur some costs from their own PMP software companies.
- NABP paying from its own resources:
 - All development and implementation costs for the program.
 - Annual maintenance fee to the contractor to operate the hub.
 - Annual participation fees for states that cannot afford to pay for the fee from their budgets/program resources.
- NABP using unrestricted grants from third parties.
 - To date, Purdue Pharma, L.P. has provided a grant, as has Pfizer, Inc.
 - NABP assists states with developing needed software to connect to the hub and other costs for participation for states that can accept these funds.

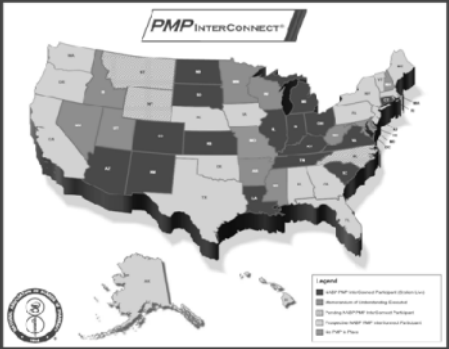
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- 16 PMPs – Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Virginia are actively sharing data.
- 8 additional states have signed MOUs and 6 are in some stage of reviewing the MOU to participate.
- NABP anticipates that by the end of 2013, approximately half the PMPs could be exchanging data via NABP InterConnect.

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Next Steps to Increase Utilization

- Continue to connect states to NABP InterConnect
- Assist states with legislation to allow interstate sharing
- Integrate NABP InterConnect into Health Information Exchanges
- Integrate PMP requests into workflow processes such as pharmacy software systems and hospital system emergency departments
- Provide access to analytical tools to automate analysis of PMP reports to increase efficiencies, eg, NARxCHECK™
- Develop PMP software that works seamlessly with NABP InterConnect as well as meets the day-to-day needs of administrators, requestors, and data submitters.

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Integration Projects

- Leveraging the growing “national network”
- Guidance from PMP InterConnect Steering Committee
- Office of National Coordinator (ONC) Pilots
- Third-party inquiries
 - Networks
 - Electronic Medical Record software vendors
 - Pharmacy entities and software vendors
 - Health Information Exchanges

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Learning Assessment Questions & Answers

1. Prescription Monitoring Programs are maintained for which of the following purposes?
 - a. To provide information for doctors considering writing/dispensing a controlled substance prescription.
 - b. To provide information for pharmacists considering dispensing a controlled substance prescription.
 - c. To provide information to law enforcement officials investigating diversion of controlled substance crimes.
 - d. Both a and b.
 - e. a, b, and c.

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Learning Assessment Questions & Answers

2. The PMIX Architecture is:
 - a. A health-care information exchange standard.
 - b. A pharmacy information exchange standard.
 - c. A law enforcement information exchange standard.
 - d. A PMP information exchange standard.
 - e. None of the above.

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3. What is the problem that PMP InterConnect was originally deployed in order to solve?
 - a. Incompatible data submission standards between PMP's.
 - b. Inability for users of one PMP to obtain patient data from other PMP's in a single request.
 - c. Legal and operational challenges which were preventing effective collaboration between the PMP's.
 - d. Inability for PMP's to exchange information with health care and pharmacy entities.
 - e. All of the above.

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4. How many states are sharing data via PMP InterConnect?
 - a. 12
 - b. 16
 - c. 17
 - d. 18
 - e. 24

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5. What are the recent enhancements which are planned or have been made to PMP InterConnect?
 - a. A translation service which will enable communication between PMP's and health care entities using HL7.
 - b. A translation service which will enable communication between PMP's and pharmacy entities using NCPDP.
 - c. A translation service which can facilitate hub-to-hub communication amongst Prescription Monitoring Programs.
 - d. A data submission clearinghouse to facilitate accurate and rapid data submission by dispensers.
 - e. a, b, and c.

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