Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS)

OARRS is the prescription drug reporting system established by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy for tracking the use (or misuse) of controlled drugs. This system is updated twice a month by outpatient pharmacies. (Weekly beginning September 1, 2009) All the pharmacies licensed by Ohio report prescription data related to a patient 's use of controlled substances, tramadol or crisoprodol. This includes information about a patient, address and date of birth, the prescriber and drug dispensed, including quantity and refills, etc.

Any prescriber in Ohio can become a member of this system. Have you ever had a new patient (or even an established one) come to see you and request, not only a medication by name but also the dosage?? This always raises a red flag for me. Especially if they request a Schedule II drug which I cannot prescribe anyway. This system is invaluable because you can check on the patient's past prescription drug use.

To establish your account with the Board of Pharmacy, go to www.ohiopmp.gov and complete the on-line registration. Print the application, have your signature notarized and mail the application to the Board of Pharmacy, including a copy of your driver's and nursing/prescribers licenses and your DEA card. More details are available on the website and on the application when it prints.

The process takes about one to two weeks. When you get your letter you will be able to log on with a password and research a patient's history of abusable drugs. (These include Ultram and Soma.) I have found this to be a great way to check on new and established patients's drug use, especially how many prescribers they are seeing and how many pharmacies they are using. It is important to remember that this system is for you to use with your established patients, (i.e. prescriber-patient relationship exists)

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