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Now that the PA PDMP has launched, learn how to query it.

As of **Aug. 25, 2016**, the new Pennsylvania Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PA PDMP) is available for patient query. In order to use the program effectively, please visit the program’s [website](#) for these and other important resources:

- **[PA PDMP tutorial](#):** Learn how to navigate and conduct a patient query using the PA PDMP, as well as how to identify “red flag” behavior.
- **[PA PDMP FAQs](#):** Please review the answers to the most frequently asked questions about the program. This list will continually be updated.

- [PA PDMP clinical toolkit](#): To support you during the adaptation to this new program, the PA PDMP office has created a toolkit of resources to help medical professionals and their delegates use this system, including prescribing guidelines, screening tools and treatment resources.

In order to access this valuable tool, you must be registered!

If you have not done so already, take **five minutes** to register for the new PA PDMP – [click here to get started!](#)

You can also register [delegates](#) to search the system on your behalf.

Please visit the [PA PDMP website](#) for the latest updates on the program. The site offers a Q&A page, more details for dispensers and prescribers, and contact information for the PA PDMP office.

Sincerely,

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Team

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