

Reporting Suspected Aberrant Medication Prescribing



MODULE 2

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How to report prescribers that have suspected aberrant prescribing practices:

As a prescriber/pharmacist, if you suspect inappropriate or over-prescribing by your colleagues or prescribers, you can take action through one or more of the reporting methods, as deemed appropriate on a case-by-case basis. If suspicious activity is suspected, it is most appropriate that the individual who has the most knowledge about the situation decides how to take action. These resources can also be used for reporting any fraudulent or theft situations in addition to abnormal prescribing or dispensing practices.

1. Contact the prescriber and talk to them about your concerns.
2. File an online complaint to the Pennsylvania Department of State.¹
3. Call the prescriber's appropriate licensing body to report the prescriber (*see below for licensing body contact information*).
4. Call the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control of your region to report this illegal activity (*see page two for contact information*).
5. Anonymously text the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General to submit tips about suspicious activity by texting **PADRUGS + YOUR TIP** to **847411**.
6. Submit a tip to the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion Control Division.²

Pennsylvania State Licensing Board	Contact Information
Medicine (Medical Doctors, Surgeons, Physician Assistants, Certified Nurse Midwives)	Phone: (717) 783-1400 Fax: (717) 787-7769
Osteopathic Medicine (Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Physician Assistants)	Phone: (717) 783-4858 Fax: (717) 787-7769
Nursing (Advanced Practice Nurses, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists)	Phone: (717) 783-7142 Fax: (717) 783-0822
Dentistry (Dentists, Oral Surgeons)	Phone: (717) 783-7162 Fax: (717) 787-7769
Optometry (Optometrists) <i>Note:</i> These prescribers are not legally verified to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances.	Phone: (717) 783-7155 Fax: (717) 787-7769
Podiatry (Podiatrists)	Phone: (717) 783-4858 Fax: (717) 787-7769

Sources

- 1) <https://www.pals.pa.gov/#/page/filecomplaint>
- 2) https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/tips_online.htm

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Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control Regional Office Contact Information

Region	Address	Contact Information
I. Allentown	2305 28th Street, S.W. Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103	Office: (610) 791-6100 Fax: (610) 791-6103
II. Philadelphia	7801 Essington Avenue Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19153	Office: (215) 937-1300 Fax: (215) 937-1342
III. Harrisburg	106 Lowther Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17043	Office: (717) 712-1280 Fax: (717) 712-1204
IV. State College	2515 Green Tech Drive State College, Pennsylvania 16803	Office: (814) 863-0684 Fax: (814) 863-3378
V. North Huntingdon	10950 Route 30 North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania 15642	Office: (724) 861-3600 Fax: (724) 861-3690
VI. Butler	105 Independence Drive Butler, Pennsylvania 16001	Office: (724) 284-3400 Fax: (724) 284-3405
VII. Erie	4801 Atlantic Avenue Erie, Pennsylvania 16506	Office: (814) 836-4300 Fax: (814) 836-4328
VIII. Wilkes-Barre	680 Baltimore Drive Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18702	Office: (570) 826-2051 Fax: (570) 826-2447

