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State Prescription Surveillance Systems

Forty-nine states have prescription drug monitoring programs that collect and store patient information related to certain medications, such as narcotics and Sudafed. Set up originally to prevent “doctor shopping,” the databases have experienced “mission creep.”

States now allow research on and law enforcement access to the data, and the patient’s data is often shared with other states. Some states mandate prescriber registration and require doctors to look at the database before prescribing certain drugs. But doctors say this adds 5-10 minutes to patient visits, which are already too short. The mandate also sets a dangerous precedent. What’s the next thing the state will require doctors to do to keep their license?


Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program – list of 31 states exchanging data

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