ILPMP Advisory Committee Reviews Key Updates and Initiatives in Biannual Meeting

The **ILPMP Advisory Committee** held its biannual meeting on March 11, 2025, to discuss ongoing initiatives and updates related to prescription monitoring efforts in the state. The agenda included a review of the ILPMP FY24 Annual Report contents, updates on new process and procedures for IL PMPnow integration, ILPMP IT updates which featured a glimpse of the new ILPMP.org website (coming soon), and discussion on member attestation feedback. Additionally, the ILPMP Peer Review Committee provided an update on its recent threshold rounds and the committee discussed a new project for FY26, the SIUE Cumulative Reference Score.

ILPMP Attends Illinois Health Information Management Conference

On March 6, 2025, IL PMPnow Coordinator Jackie DeNardo represented the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (ILPMP) at the Illinois Health Information Management Conference in Palatine, Illinois. This event brought together professionals dedicated to managing and safeguarding healthcare data.

Jackie highlighted IL PMPnow and the critical role of ILPMP integration in improving clinical decision-making, enhancing patient safety, and supporting responsible prescribing. Participation in this conference provided a valuable opportunity to engage with health information management (HIM) professionals, who play a crucial role in ensuring the accurate and responsible use of healthcare data.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Releases New Overdose Data Dashboard

The overdose data dashboard provides details on non-fatal and fatal overdoses and includes information on a variety of substances. Information on associated health outcomes, harm reduction efforts, and links to the Illinois Helpline are also included. The goal is to provide information that can guide intervention and prevention efforts across Illinois. The data is provided by IDPH's Syndromic Surveillance Program, Vital Records, Office of Disease Control, and Office of Women's Health and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use and Prevention and Recovery. The revised overdose data dashboard was funded through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Overdose Data 2 Action-States (OD2A-S) grant.

Read the press release about the dashboard here **Pritzker Administration Announces Illinois Overdose Deaths Declined 8% in 2023**

View IDPH Overdose Data Dashboard

Conversation Starter: Clinicians

Naloxone:
Talking About Naloxone with Patients Prescribed Opioids

This guide offers tips to help clinicians communicate the benefits of naloxone to patients, family members, and caregivers.

Pre-conversation Tip:

Before having a conversation about naloxone, make sure to familiarize yourself with the various forms and brand names of naloxone and administration route. Open the conversation with what naloxone is and does. Three forms of naloxone products are available: nasal spray, injection, and auto-injection. Refer to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit to educate patients, caregivers, and the community about the different forms and how to use them.

Step 1: Start a conversation about naloxone.

Make it clear that you care about your patient's safety, and when possible, involve family and friends in the conversation. For example, *"One of the risks with opioid medications is they could cause your breathing to slow or stop. Because you are taking an [opioid OR central nervous system depressant] OR [opioid] at a high dose, there is a risk that this could happen to you even accidentally. Would you mind if I talk to you about naloxone, a medicine when given by your [spouse, caretaker, etc.]?"*

Next explain how to identify the signs of an opioid overdose, when and how to use naloxone, and where patients and families can get naloxone.

Step 2: Describe naloxone as a medication to be used to save a life.[1]

Naloxone saves lives because it can quickly restore normal breathing to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing on prescription opioid medications, heroin, or drugs that are adulterated and contaminated with an opioid like fentanyl (e.g., cocaine, methamphetamine).[1]

"Naloxone is a lifesaver, like having a fire extinguisher. Hopefully, you will not need it, but it is important to have it ready just in case you do—for yourself or for someone else."
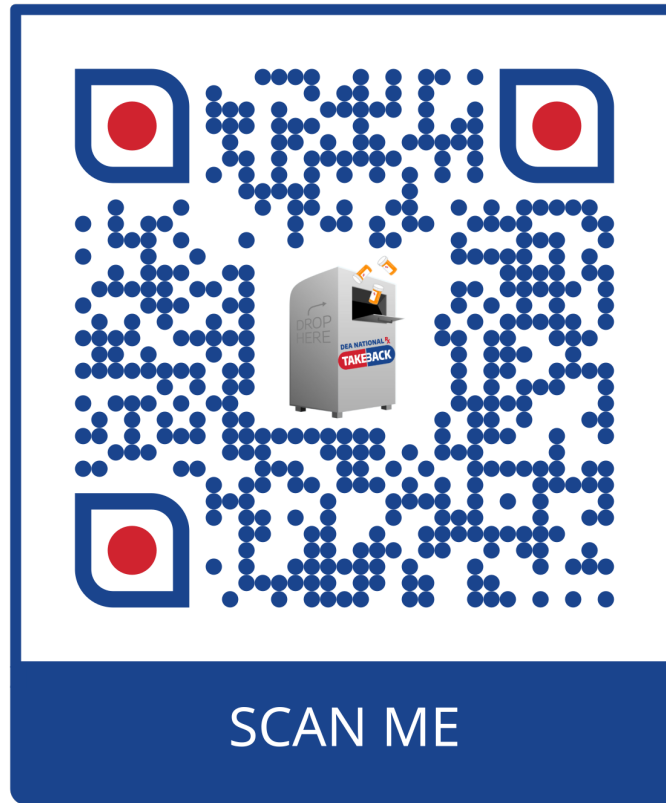
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

LEARN MORE: cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/hcp/toolkits/naloxone.html

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide educational guidance on how to communicate the benefits of naloxone to patients, their family members, friends, and caregivers. Download the **PDF-Talking About Naloxone with Patients Prescribed Opioids**.

Working together, we can make Every Day Take Back Day. Scan the QR code or click image below to view Year-Round Drop Off locations for prescription drugs.

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Newly Released, FREE, Continuing Education Available for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians on the Importance of PMP Data Integrity

Take advantage of this free ACPE accredited educational opportunity providing 1 hour of continuing education for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. This program, developed in partnership with NASCSA and 12 prescription monitoring program (PMP) administrators, analyzes the importance and value of complete,

accurate data reported by dispensers to PMPs and assesses the impact of intentional or non-intentional data entry errors and data omissions on patient safety. It also discusses the downstream impacts of pharmacy-reported PMP data on clinical decision-making processes and helps pharmacy staff identify and implement changes that can be made in their practice setting to improve PMP data integrity.
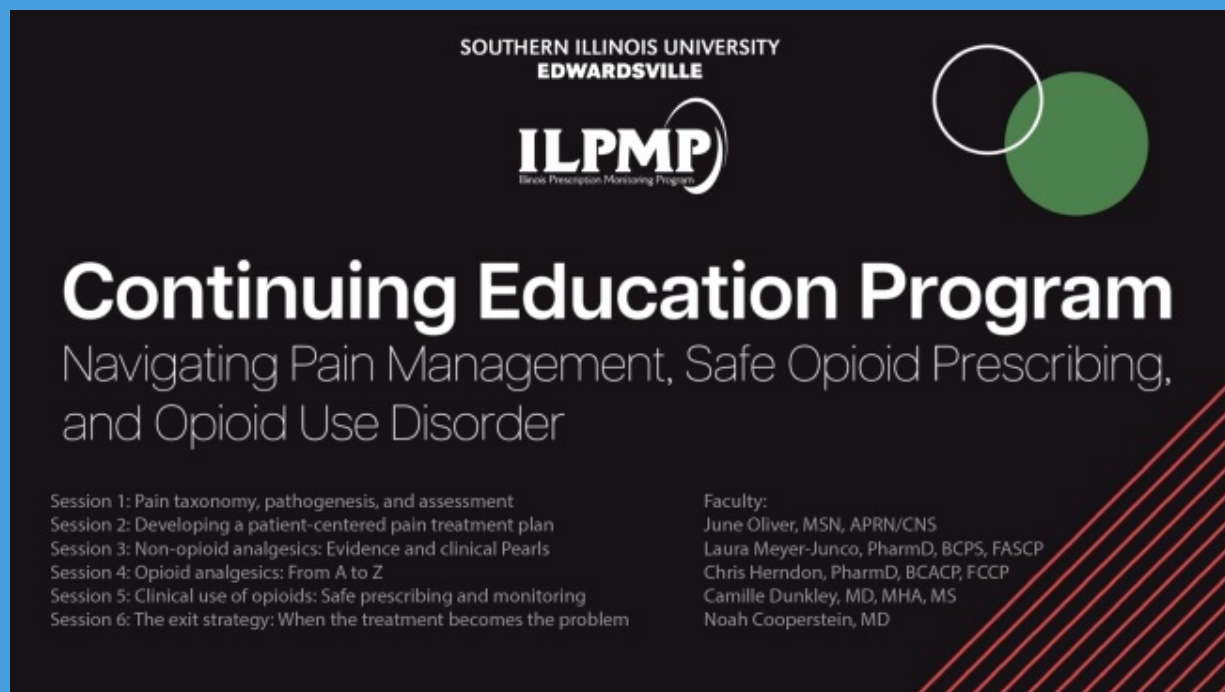
Visit *https://ce.talemhealth.com/a/MWEORC*
If you received credit for this CE prior to 10/22/24, you are still able to retake the CE and receive credit.

Click for more CE Information

Navigating Pain Management, Safe Opioid Prescribing, and Opioid Use Disorder

A three-hour program designed to meet the educational needs for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. The program is accredited in 6, 30-minute modules.

Prescriber Registration

ILPMP.ORG & IL PMPnow Monthly Data

WEBSITE DATA
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245	94,710	71,974	273,011	1,811	10,982,142
NEW USERS IN FEBRUARY	TOTAL USERS	TOTAL ILPMP PRESCRIBER USERS	TOTAL ILPMP WEBSITE REQUESTS	TOTAL IL PMPNOW CONNECTIONS	TOTAL IL PMPNOW REQUESTS

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The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (ILPMP) is an electronic database that collects, tracks, and stores reported dispensing data on Schedule II-V controlled substances, selected drugs of interest, and other health information. The Illinois Department of Human Services oversees the ILPMP, authorized by the Illinois Controlled Substances Act (720 ILCS 570/316). The ILPMP adheres to HIPAA and all access, disclosure, and confidentiality provisions of Illinois Law.