



OARRS E-Newsletter April 2019

Peer Review Committee Access to OARRS

An Ohio-licensed prescriber or pharmacist who is a designated representative of a peer review committee, or the prescriber's or pharmacist's delegate, may now request the following information in OARRS relating to a prescriber who is subject to the committee's evaluation, supervision, or discipline:

1. A summary of the prescriber's prescribing record, as known as the Prescriber Practice Report; and
2. A current or previous patient's OARRS Report. (**NOTE:** Peer review committees **must** have documentation indicating a current or previous patient-prescriber relationship).

For the purposes of accessing OARRS, a peer review committee includes either of the following:

- A peer review committee of an Ohio hospital;
- A peer review committee of a nonprofit health care corporation that is a member of an Ohio hospital or of which an Ohio hospital or facility is a member.

To assist peer review committees in obtaining access to OARRS, the Board has developed a frequently asked questions document, which can be found by visiting:
www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PRaccess.

Reminder - Naltrexone Dispensing Information Now Reported to OARRS

Naltrexone dispensing by pharmacies is now reported to OARRS. The collection of naltrexone is intended to assist prescribers and pharmacists in identifying individuals who may be receiving treatment for substance use disorder.

This information can be useful for healthcare providers who are considering the use of controlled substances to treat patients. Prescribers and pharmacists should be aware that naltrexone will be displayed with all other prescription drug information in OARRS. At this time, naltrexone dispensing information will not impact a patient's NARX Score or Overdose Risk Scores.

For more information about this change, the Board has developed the following frequently asked questions document: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/naltrexone.

OARRS Annual Report: Averaged 500,000 OARRS requests per weekday

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy released the 2018 Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) Annual Report. The report shows continued progress in reducing the supply of prescription opioids. The total doses of opioids dispensed decreased from a high of 793 million in 2012 to 468 million in 2018, a 41 percent decrease.

The number of queries for patient information in OARRS increased from 1.78 million in 2011 to 142.50 million in 2018, a 7,900 percent increase. In 2018, the average number of OARRS requests per weekday exceeded 500,000 for the first time on record. Between 2012 and 2018, the total doses of benzodiazepines dispensed decreased from a high of 297 million in 2012 to 197 million in 2018, a 34 percent decrease.

An executive summary of the report can be accessed here:

www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Summary2018

The complete 2018 OARRS Annual Report can also be accessed by visiting:

www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRS2018

Updated county level data for 2018 can be accessed by visiting:

www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/county
