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## **OARRS E-Newsletter**

### **January 2019**

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#### **Medical Marijuana to be Displayed on OARRS Report**

On January 16, 2019, four Ohio dispensaries began selling medical marijuana products. All Ohio licensed dispensaries are required to report medical marijuana dispensing to OARRS within five minutes of a sale.

Prescribers and pharmacists should be aware that medical marijuana will be displayed with all other prescription drug information in OARRS. Medical marijuana dispensing information will not impact a patient's NARX Score or Overdose Risk Scores.

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#### **Naltrexone Dispensing Information to be Reported to OARRS - Effective March 19, 2019**

**Starting March 19, 2019**, naltrexone dispensing information will be 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.

**Pharmacies should contact software vendors now to inform them of this change to ensure programming updates are implemented in time.**

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

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