



Workflow WEDNESDAYS

PS³ - Practice Management

Topic: Opioid Stewardship (Role of the Technician)

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Key Insight

Pharmacy Services Support Staff is critical to the success of pharmacy practice transformation and the sustainability of enhanced services. Click [HERE](#) to watch the recorded PS3 Webinar.

Pharmacy Technicians & Support Staff can maximize their role in opioid stewardship by identifying patients prescribed an opioid and engaging in PDMP checks (depending on state) & MME calculations. Click [HERE](#) to view the CPESN® Opioid Safety Service Set Standard.

Determine the Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME) for each patient

- Utilize the CDC MME Calculator, your prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP), and/or features of your pharmacy management system.
- Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to download the CDC MME app
- Click [HERE](#) to view a chart of ≥ 50 MME for common opioid medications that you may want to print out and place at workstations.
- Prior to dispensing, check the PDMP for fill history. Be mindful of last fill date and take note if a consistent provider is the main prescriber of therapy.

Opioid Pledge for Patients

The intent of an opioid policy/pledge is to protect your patients and the pharmacy. Pharmacies can develop a strategy and implement best practices for opioid safety.

➔ Click [HERE](#) to access an Opioid Pledge template

Implement a Process to Ensure Pharmacist Counseling Occurs

Once patients are identified, implement a process so that patients are flagged as a candidate for naloxone candidate to allow the pharmacist to speak with the patient for discussion.

TIP: Consider utilizing the eCare Plan Documentation Form as the bag tag for identifying these patients at check-out. Click [HERE](#) to access Opioid Prescription Documentation Form.



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