Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) access and usage is defined by legislation at state level. The inclusion of veterinarian generated data is not routine and continues to be debated on a technical level and in relation to the sector’s role in the Opioid/Substance Misuse Crisis. After two years with veterinarian’s usage of the PDMP, a survey of the technological components was completed; and an in-depth review of beliefs, observations, and education has led to a specific call to action for this sector. Here we show the gaps in understanding of the technological infrastructure as well as illustrating the scale of prescription misuse concerns facing North Carolina Veterinary clinics.

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DO YOU HAVE A PDMP/ PMP-AWARE ACCOUNT?

Yes 25.7%
Unsure 53.5%
No 20.8%

TOP 4 EHR’s UTILIZED BY RESPONDENTS

Cornerstone-Idexx 44.9%
Avimark 32.7%
Ezyvet 14.3%
Petware in Banfield 8.2%

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

To follow N.C.G.S. a veterinarian practice needs to be inputting dispensations of controlled substances through a PMP-Aware account. EHRs can help the process and knowing how to use the system properly assures the data going in correctly leads to better data coming out - data that is needed for decision making. The CSRS Utilization Team is here to help make being in compliance easier. Learn more about how we can help with that by registering for an education/technical assistance seminar AND be awarded your 2 hours of opioid education credit for 2021/2022. Information is on page 2.

RESPONDENTS DISPENSE IN HOUSE 69%

RESPONDENTS USE AN ELECTRONIC RX SERVICE 5%

WHO IS USING PMP-AWARE IN NC CLINICS?

DVM 40%
Techs 30%
Manager 20%
Reception 10%
Other 0%

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HAVE AN EHR 88%
25% of respondents have experienced (actual or just felt like) they had a case where an animal owner had intentionally made an animal ill, injured an animal, or made an animal seem ill or injured to obtain opioid medications.

Respondents know a controlled substance was diverted (misused or misappropriated) by a member of staff in a North Carolina veterinary practice. 36%

Do you believe that veterinarians have a role in preventing opioid abuse and misuse?

Yes 85%

No/Other 15%

**WHAT IS NEXT?**

NC DHHS CSRS Utilization Team has entered a partnership with the NCVMB to offer education that meets the 2 hour opioid education requirement and covers how to be in compliance with N.C.G.S, as well as how to streamline your workflow in the process. To schedule your training please email CSRS.RESPONSE@DHHS.NC.GOV