

Association of the use of a mandatory prescription drug monitoring program with prescribing practices for patients undergoing elective surgery.

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Many states are implementing prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) in an attempt to curb the ongoing opioid epidemic. This single-center study examined the effect of a New Hampshire policy that mandates clinicians use a PDMP and an opioid risk assessment tool prior to prescribing opioids. No impact was found on overall opioid prescribing rates. However, a recent [state-level analysis](#) found that states who implemented a PDMP had lower opioid prescribing rates compared to states without PDMPs. A [PSNet perspective](#) discussed the factors that contributed to the opioid epidemic and proposed solutions.