



OHIO AUTOMATED RX REPORTING SYSTEM (OARRS) ONLINE TRAINING COURSE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the release of a new eOPOTA course: *OARRS for Law Enforcement*. The purpose of this 1-hour course is to provide foundational knowledge on how law enforcement can utilize OARRS to aid them in investigating active drug-related cases.

About OARRS

To address the growing misuse and diversion of prescription drugs, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy created Ohio's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), known as the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). Established in 2006, OARRS collects information on all outpatient prescriptions for controlled substances dispensed by Ohio-licensed pharmacies and personally furnished by licensed prescribers in Ohio. Drug wholesalers are also required to submit information on all controlled substances sold to an Ohio-licensed pharmacy or prescriber. The data is reported every 24 hours and is maintained in a secure database.

OARRS is a tool that can be used to address prescription drug diversion and abuse. It serves multiple functions, including: patient care tool; drug epidemic early warning system; and drug diversion and insurance fraud investigative tool. As the only statewide electronic database that stores all controlled substance dispensing and personal furnishing information, OARRS helps prescribers and pharmacists avoid potentially life-threatening drug interactions as well as identify individuals fraudulently obtaining controlled substances from multiple health care providers, a practice commonly referred to as "doctor shopping." It can also be used to assist law enforcement in active drug-related investigations.

To access the course:

Law enforcement officers can access eOPOTA through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG): <http://www.ohleg.org/>

The course is listed under the "Criminal Investigations" section of the eOPOTA web site.

A screenshot of a web interface for the "OARRS for Law Enforcement" course. The title "OARRS for Law Enforcement" is at the top, with a "NEW" badge in the upper right corner. Below the title, the status is "Not Started" with a "Launch" button. A description follows: "This OARRS for Law Enforcement course is brought to you by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy. The purpose of this 1-hour course is to provide foundational knowledge on how Law Enforcement can utilize OARRS to aid them in investigating active drug related cases." The OARRS logo is on the left side of the text.

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