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### **Ohio's Acute Pain Prescribing Rules**

On August 31, 2017, the State of Ohio adopted new rules for prescribing opioid analgesics for the treatment of acute pain. Please be **advised that it is the responsibility of the prescriber to ensure adherence to the new limits. Pharmacists should be aware that there are exceptions to the rules and therefore there is no expectation that pharmacists enforce the limits.**

To assist in the implementation of these new rules, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy developed updated guidance documents for [prescribers](#) and [pharmacists](#). Additionally, the State Medical Board of Ohio has also developed educational materials for prescribers, [including a video overview of the rules](#).

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### **Administration of Injections by Pharmacists**

Effective October 2, 2017, [section 4729.45 of the Ohio Revised Code](#) and rule 4729-5-40 of the Ohio Administrative Code authorizes a pharmacist to administer, by injection, certain dangerous drugs as long as the drug that is to be administered has been prescribed by a physician and the individual to whom the dangerous drug was prescribed has an ongoing relationship with the physician, an advanced practice registered nurse who has entered into a standard care arrangement with the physician or a physician assistant who has entered into a supervision agreement with the physician.

For more information on this change, visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/injections](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/injections).

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### **Wholesaler Reclassification**

On September 29, 2017, HB 49 (Ohio's Biennial Budget) modifies sections 4729.52 and 4729.53 of the Ohio Revised Code to create five separate license types for the manufacture and distribution of dangerous drugs, as follows:

- Wholesale Distributors of Dangerous Drugs
- Manufacturers of Dangerous Drugs
- Outsourcing Facilities
- Repackagers of Dangerous Drugs
- Third-Party Logistics Providers

For more information regarding this change, please visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/reclass](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/reclass).

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### **New Consult Rules Effective October 1, 2017**

Updated rules governing pharmacist consult agreements will go into effect on October 1, 2017. More information on these updated rules can be accessed by visiting: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/consult](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/consult).

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### **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

Saturday, October 28th is National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, which aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy encourages you to inform your patients of this great opportunity to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs.

For collection site locations, please visit: [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback).

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### **3rd Quarter 2017 – Rule Update**

A number of rules and rule changes have been adopted by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy in the third quarter of 2017. To view new rules and changes, visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Q3-2017](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Q3-2017).

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